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FIRST EDITION.

HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

No Action in McClure-Gray Case.

Geo. O. Evans Dangerously Ill.

Special to the Pittsburgh Press:

HARRISBURG, February 19, 1872.

SENATE.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Graham, opening Breckenridge avenue, Pittsburgh.

By Mr. Collins, compelling corporations to pay wages in lawful money and preventing the keeping of corporation stores.

Bills Passed.

The following Senate bills passed: Authorizing the Pittsburgh and Birmingham Passenger Railway Company to issue general mortgage bonds to raise money to pay indebtedness, extend the track, building company's houses, stables and other improvements; supplement for the Western University; supplement for the Monongahela Valley Telegraph Company amending the charter of the Pittsburgh and Baltimore Coal, Coke and Iron Company.

The following House bills passed: Increasing the pay of election officers in Allegheny county; authorizing the Board of Control of Allegheny county to make rules and regulations and found appropriate funds to maintain a library for the benefit of the public schools and citizens; supplement for the Allegheny County Workhouse and Prison. This bill passed, amended as asked by parties in the interest of the Western Penitentiary. The bill extending the jurisdiction of Justices of the peace in Washington county to three hundred dollars was supported by Senators Rutan and Allen, and opposed by Messrs. Wallace, White, Purman and Buckalew, and defeated by a vote of eight to fourteen.

The McClure-Gray Contest—No Conclusion Reached.

No conclusion has yet been reached in the McClure-Gray contest. The Conference Committee met to-night without result. Mr. Hewitt, (Republican) proposed a bill selecting six members of the committee, as proposed in Mr. Buckalew's Senate bill, these six, if possible to select the seventh; if not possible, then the Speaker of the Senate to select ten Senators from each political party, these to be placed in a wheel, from which names shall be drawn till but one remains. The committee meets again to-morrow.

Serious Illness of George O. Evans.

The joint commission on the George O. Evans investigation have delayed operations, owing to the absence of Mr. Evans himself, who has been subpoened to answer. The Sergeant-at-Arms has been sent for him several times, but returned the party too ill to come to Harrisburg. There was to have been a meeting of the committee to-morrow night, at which Evans was expected to testify, but the Sergeant-at-Arms telegraphs Senator Graham, chairman of the committee, that Mr. Evans is confined to his bed, with little prospect of his recovery.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Constitutional Convention bill was discussed all evening without result.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

Terrible Storms in the West—Physician Frozen to Death—Snow Drifts One Hundred Feet Deep.

SIOUX CITY, February 19.—One of the most distressing incidents of the terrible storms that have swept over this region during the present winter, is that connected with discovery of the remains of Dr. Hall, of Osceola county, Iowa. He was lost in a terrible storm three weeks since, and though every possible assertion was made to discover his body, all efforts were unavailing until some four days ago, when a dog, belonging to his family, brought in a portion of one of his legs. The remains of deceased afterward followed of the animal and found the mutilated body of the unfortunate man only half a mile from his house.

Later reports from Dakota Territory confirm the fears in regard to the depth of the snow, and the terrible severity of the weather during December and January.

John W. Smith's overland mail to Winnestone Agency on December 1st, for Spotted Tail's new reservation on White Earth river, only two hundred miles distant, and was six weeks in making the trip. These unparalleled snow drifts, many of them a hundred feet in depth, extending a great distance, and through which it was necessary to cut a passage-way for sledding. The weather was so intensely cold that every watch stopped, and every man connected with the train was frozen, some of them seriously. The suffering was intense, but no lives were lost.

THE STOKES TRIAL.

Testimony of Judges Daly and Bedford and M. B. Field.

NEW YORK, February 19.—In the Stokes trial to-day, Judge Daly testified that he was not at the meeting of the board which selected the Grand Jury, and that the duty of County Clerk Grumbleton was neglected in some important details. One of Stokes's counsel made a speech relative to some newspaper statement, which Judge Cardozo allowed, but intimated that counsel could afford to let such things alone.

M. B. Field was examined, and stated that he was on the grand jury, and was exempt from jury duty as a lawyer and Federal office holder. Several questions touching upon certain legal documents relative to the Stokes-Mansfield case and the doings of the Coroner's jury were ruled out by Judge Cardozo. Mr. Field said the affidavits in the Stokes-Mansfield case were not drawn in his office.

Judge Bedford was examined relative to the selection of grand and petit juries in September; did not examine the list critically; did not consider it his duty to do so; considered all the requirements of the law carried out when he signed the list. Court adjourned.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 17, 1872.

ITEMS OF ALL KINDS.

The funeral of Mrs. W. B. Astor, at Grace Church to-day, was largely attended.

Two fashionable-looking females, giving the names of Libbie Davis and Eva S. Vallee, were arrested last night, supposed to belong to a gang who within the past six months have been swindling merchants out of about $20,000 by ordering goods and then inducing the deliverers thereof to part with them. This morning Eva tried to beat her brains out at the prison, and to sever the arteries of her wrists by means of a piece of glass, but was foiled by an officer.

The receivers of the Washington, Lorillard, Atlantic and North American Insurance Companies are ready to pay from thirty-five to sixty per cent. dividends, if not interfered with in bankruptcy.

Mayor Hall's case will be proceeded with on Monday next.

A Young Ruffian Shoots His Sister at Bowerston, O.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BOWERSTON, O., February 19, 1872.

On Saturday about one P. M. a desperate young man by the name of Joe Clark, living near this place, shot his sister, a young woman, with a rifle because she threw some snow at him. The ball entered her right thigh about five inches below the hip joint, injuring the bone slightly, and then passed nearly through the fleshy part of her right thigh. The wound is dangerous, but will not prove fatal. Clark was arrested.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Hon. Salem Towne, aged ninety-two, died in Charleston, Mass., on Saturday last. He served several times in the State Legislature, was a Colonel in the American army of 1812, and was afterwards made General of the State militia. He was widely known as the author of Towne's speller.

Charles E. Kimball, aged nineteen, was shot through the wrist and right lung Sunday evening, in Lowell, Mass., by Charles A. Watts, aged sixteen. The shooting was done on the street, just after Kimball had escorted a young lady to her home who had previously discarded Watts. Kimball may survive. Watts was arrested.

The passengers who had been "snowed up" on the Union Pacific Railroad arrived at Mills station yesterday morning, and were met by a train from Oakland loaded with all the delicacies of the season. A magnificent bouquet of flowers, embracing almost every variety, and all grown in the open air, was presented to each passenger. California now presents the appearance of the Western States in June. There was much grumbling among the passengers, despite these delicate attentions at the Union Pacific officials.

The committee of citizens of Los Angeles, California, to whom was referred the petition of the Chinese for compensation for property destroyed during the riot in that place, reported against allowing the claims. Mike Madigan, one of the leaders of the mob on that occasion, has been convicted of manslaughter.

The Grand Duke and party left New Orleans for Pensacola last night, whence they sail to Havana in the Russian fleet.

XLII. CONGRESS.

SPEECH OF MR. CONKLING ON SALE OF ARMS.

The Tea and Coffee Bill Passed.

Another Bridge Over the Ohio.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 19, 1872.

SENATE.

Mr. SCOTT presented the majority report of Kuklux Committee, accompanied by the testimony, and by a bill to extend the operation of the law of May, 1870, to authorize the suspension of the *habeas corpus* act until the end of the next session of Congress. The report also recommends the passage of a general but not universal amnesty bill.

Mr. BLAIR presented the minority report. Both reports were ordered printed.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the resolution to inquire into the alleged sales of arms during the Franco-Prussian war.

Mr. CONKLING said that five months of this Congress had already passed, and the business of the country waited while debate for political effect went on. The appropriation bills were made to wait, the revision of the tariff, which would strike forty millions from the shoulders of industry and reduce the Internal Revenue Department to a skeleton, was made to wait, while the Senate was forced to waste its time in political debate. But it could be avoided. The rule was that a Senator could not be questioned elsewhere for words uttered in the Senate, and so a Senator might cry preamble and speech slander his Government and his country, and place them in a false position before the nations of the earth, and he might do it either in plain words or by insinuation, the last always the most deadly language in the slanderer's virulent vocabulary. The Senator from Massachusetts [Sumner] was responsible for this waste of time. He could not have an investigation. He would have debate. He had himself asked when he introduced this resolution that it should lie over, but this fact had not prevented the Senate from listening to the slander.

Mr. CONKLING sent up and had read at the desk a statement in the New York *Tribune* that the participation of the President in the Senate had tried to delay the pending resolution, which, he said, showed the violence done to the truth in a base and ruthless crusade for political effect. The Senator [Sumner] had stated that his resolution and speech on this subject were not intended for political effect. What, then, was their object? Was it to prejudge the case, or assist France and the French claim agents in prosecuting claims against American merchants, or to engender suspicion and house resentment against the executive officers of our government? Or was it to convince the Germans of America that high Republican officials had clutched French blood-money in a war which the heart of the whole Republican party beat for Germany? Or to convict us before the world as false to national morals, to befoul us in the eyes of Christendom, and to set England and Germany at this time, when Germany's Emperor is about to sit as umpire on rights of ours, that the Republic of America was more guilty and perfidious than Pennsylvania colonists, destroy confidence in the President, &c.

Mr. SCHURZ—I wish to make one remark on that. The Collector of Internal Revenue inserts that when sales of arms were made on, I was altogether an American, and did nothing to respond to the feelings or wishes of the Germans on that subject. I am the man here, and he knows it, and there are others of us who know it. I appeal to my friend from Indiana [Morton].

Mr. SUMNER—I know it too. [Laughter.]

Mr. CONKLING said it was a pity that gentlemen who knew so much on such subjects were so painfully ignorant on others. [Laughter.] He had no doubt, however, that certain Senators did know a great deal about the rise, progress, and, he must add, humbug of this arms scandal. But he had not read this extract to reflect on Mr. Schurz, but on getting to anything. He had read it to let him see how his conduct struck the minds of the intelligent people of the country.

Mr. SCHURZ—But has not the Senator rather shown me how it strikes the minds of Internal Revenue Collectors. [Laughter.]

Mr. CONKLING—I do not know that I have, but taking the rule of evidence that prevails with the Senator, I should think he would come to such conclusion on such evidence.

In conclusion Mr. CONKLING said that American honor had been assailed and the American name aspersed, and that the investigation must go on, and lay bare the facts and the motive of those who had done it. Justice must be done, whoever might fall.

The Senate then went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A large number of bills were introduced and referred, the following among them:

By Mr. VOORHEES, for the payment of the public debt, and the redemption thereof according the stipulation of the bonds and the decision of the Supreme Court.

By Mr. DAWES, for facilitating the construction of a railway bridge across the Ohio river at Mount Vernon, Ind.

Mr. BUTLER, at the instance of Mr. Hooper, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill supplementary to the civil rights act of April, 1866, and moved the previous question on its passage. The bill was read. It prohibits any distinction being made between citizens of the United States on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude by inn-keepers, common carriers, in theatres or other places of amusement, in common schools or other public institutions of learning, supported by money derived from general taxation; in cemeteries and benevolent associations, when incorporated by National or State authority. The second section provides for the forfeiture of $500 for each offense, to be recovered by the person aggrieved in an action on the case, and a penalty not less than $500 nor more than $5,000, with imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, on conviction of misdemeanor. The third section confers powers and imposes duties to execute the law on officers and courts of the United States the same as cited by sections three, four, five, seven and nine of the civil rights act of April 9th, April, 1866, which sections are made part of this act. Any officer failing to institute or prosecute proceedings when required is to forfeit $500 to the person aggrieved, to be recovered by an action on the case, and on conviction shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and fined not less than $1,000 nor more than $5,000. The fourth section forbids the exclusion of any person from a jury in National or State Courts on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. The fifth section annuls all discrimination in National or State laws by the use of the word "white."

Mr. DAWES suggested that the bill should be modified by using the word "persons" instead of the words "citizens of the United States," so as to include the Chinese.

Mr. SARGEANT objected.

Mr. ELDRIDGE moved that the bill be rejected. The motion was negatived by a strict party vote, yeas 89, nays 116. The morning hour having arrived, the bill went over until the morning hour of Monday next, when it comes up after the call of States for bills in reference, but as that call can be prolonged so as to consume the whole hour by requiring the reading of bills introduced, this bill cannot be reached if its opponents are inclined to prevent it. The only other way of getting at is by a suspension of the rules, for which the Republicans have not the requisite two-thirds majority.

The resolution offered last Monday by Mr. SHANKS, authorizing the President to open negotiations with all civilized nations in relation to captives in war was taken up and passed.

Mr. DAWES moved to suspend the rules and agree to the report directing that the Committee of Ways and Means, whenever it shall report a bill changing import duties, to provide also for putting salt and coal on the free list.

Mr. KILLINGER moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. DAWES hoped that the House would not take a vote on any question but that of the business of the Committee on Ways and Means should be left with that committee, or be transacted by the House. The motion to adjourn was then put and carried. The motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution was rejected, ayes 103, nays 86, less than two-thirds in the affirmative.

Mr. MERCUR moved to suspend the rules and discharge the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the bill repealing the duty on tea and coffee, and to pass the same.

Mr. DAWES wished to have the bill brought before the House for discussion, and stated that he was instructed by the Committee of Ways and Means to ask the House for an opportunity to be heard. Objection was made by several members, and the rules were suspended and the bill passed—ayes 130, nays 58.

Mr. POLAND, from the joint select Committee on Southern Outrages, presented the report, accompanied by half a dozen printed volumes of testimony, which he said was about half the testimony taken.

Mr. BECK submitted the views of the minority, and asked that they be printed with the report of the majority.

Mr. GARFIELD, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the Deficiency bill, and stated that it contained a clause repealing the law which requires the United States laws to be published by Remington.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, made a point of order that that was general legislation, and therefore out of order.

Mr. GARFIELD moved to suspend the rules so as to make it in order. Pending that motion the House adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Kansas.

TOPEKA, February 19.—The House in Committee of the Whole agreed to the Senate bill providing that nobody shall be hanged for murder until a year after conviction, and not then, unless the Governor issues a warrant of execution, which he may never do unless he so elects. A protest, signed by twenty-six members, was entered on the journal against the passage of the apportionment bill.

The Republican State Convention meets on Wednesday.

THE Mayor was called upon yesterday afternoon to take the deposition of the man who was shot on the Knox farm some days ago, it being believed that the unfortunate man would not recover. His assailant is still at large.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Income Tax to be Collected.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION IN NEW ORLEANS.

Tea and Coffee to be Free.

A Full Tariff Bill to be Prepared.

Recommendations of Persons for Appointment to Office to be Made Unlawful.

Good Arms and Material Sold to France.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 19, 1872.

Bribery and Corruption In New Orleans.

According to members of the New Orleans Investigating Committee, upon the formal statement submitted to them by Gov. Warmouth, making definite charges against Collector Casey and others, they took evidence to test Warmouth's statement, the result of which was to show that fifty thousand dollars had been placed in the hands of Casey by the Levee Market Company, to secure the passage of a bill for that company through the Legislature. The bill was passed, but the Governor vetoed it. Those who had furnished the money to Casey thereupon demanded its return, and the demand was complied with. According to the evidence, both Casey and Deputy Collector Herwig were interested in the scheme.

Income Tax to be Collected.

On account of the agitation of the question of abolishing the income tax, the Internal Revenue Bureau has suspended issuing the usual printed forms to Collectors until the present time. To-day, however, upon ascertaining that the majority of the Ways and Means had decided to make an adverse report upon the bill to abolish this tax now before them, the Commissioner caused the blanks and instructions to be forwarded at once to Collectors. The Committee of Ways and Means had previously determined to recommend the abolition of this tax possibly but the loss of revenue from tea and coffee prevented such action. The committee is going forward to prepare a full tariff bill, and the intention now is to provide for duty both on tea and coffee, and then let the House decide between a proportionate reduction on the entire list, and the total abolition of the duties on a few of the principal articles.

Tea and Coffee Free.

Mr. Mercur, of Pennsylvania, to-day moved to suspend the rules and take the tea and coffee bill out of the Committee of the Whole, and pass it. This was done. The vote on the question was much divided, most of the protectionists and many revenue reformers voting in the affirmative, though a number of the latter do not like the shape in which it comes. The action which may be expected from the Senate is indicated by the fact that a bill of exactly similar character was sent to the Senate from the House nearly a year ago, where it has slept ever since.

Consolidation of Territories.

Mr. Chaffee, of Colorado, is working up busily to gain support for his plan of consolidating Territories into States or with States already existing. He proposes to unite Colorado with Wyoming, Dakota with Nebraska, Utah with Nevada, Washington with Oregon, and Arizona with California. He proposes to leave New Mexico as a territory and Alaska as a province.

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"In reply to your question as to the quality of artillery material sold by the Department, I must answer that all material sold as good for use by the Department was considered as fit to be used at once. It was designated in the inventory books of the arsenals as such, and was considered good for service by the several commanders. It was regarded as fitted to be delivered to our own troops for use. The cartridges sold had been duly inspected before being received by the United States, and were considered when sold good for use and for distribution to our own troops."

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About twelve o'clock last night the handle factory and saw mill of John R. Ashton, situated near the gas works, in the south part of the city, was discovered on fire. The alarm was given, but the building being of wood and full of shavings, the fire was beyond control when aid arrived. The old hand-engine was frozen up tight, and did not put a drop of water on the fire until the last timber was in ashes. The building and contents were wholly consumed, excepting the engine and boiler room, of brick. The engine and boiler were not injured. Loss about $7,000; insured for $2,000 in the Aurora Insurance Company of Cincinnati, and $2,000 in a Chicago Company that went under with the great fire. It was certainly the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been in the building for twenty-four hours previous.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Disastrous Effects of a Boiler Explosion.

LONDON, February 19.—A dispatch from St. Helens, Lancashire, says the boiler of a factory there exploded this morning, killing and wounding many persons.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

LONDON, February 19.—The Parliamentary "whippers-in" are summoning their partisans to be present at the sessions to-night, when it is understood that the Opposition will introduce a cross motion censuring the Government for the appointment of Sir Robert Collier to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. It is believed the action of the Government will be sustained.

In the annual estimate for the expenses of the army during the year there is a reduction of one million pounds from the estimate of last year.

ANTWERP, February 19.—A large number of persons opposed to the presence of the Count De Chambord in this city demonstrated at his residence. Some of the disturbers were arrested.

LONDON, February 19.—Gladstone entertained Minister Schenck at dinner Saturday.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Cathedral, St. Patrick's, in Dublin, on the 27th inst.

MADRID, February 19.—The Ministry has resigned. Sagosta will probably be entrusted with the task of forming a new Ministry. There is considerable agitation.

PARIS, February 19.—George H. Baker, the newly appointed Minister of the United States to Constantinople, was yesterday presented to M. Thiers by Mr. Washburne, the American Minister. Thiers gave a state dinner last evening. Lord Lyons, Mr. Washburne, Senor Olosaga and Count Von Arnim were among the guests. The announcement of the arrival of the American squadron at Naples created a sensation. The fleet is still at anchor in the harbor of Nice, and it is now doubtful whether it will go to Naples.

The *Opinion Nationale* asserts that a conspiracy has been discovered in which three Generals under the late Emperor are leaders. Their plan was to disperse the Assembly by force and take possession of the government, when they were to be supported by a large number of ex-officers and soldiers of the Empire from the north. The *Opinion* says that in consequence of this revolution the Belgian frontier is carefully guarded, and no one is permitted to cross into France without passports.

Resolved, That a memorial be prepared before the residence of the Duke D'Aumale on Sunday. The crowd uttered cries hostile to monarchy. Some arrests were made. It is said that the affair was incited by the Bonapartists.

The forthcoming manifesto of the Monarchists in the Assembly monopolizes the attention of the deputies.

The Markets.

LONDON, February 19, 5:00 P. M.—Consols, 92¾; American securities; 5-20s, '62, 91½; do '65, 92¼; do '67, 92¾; 10-40s, 88.

FRANKFORT, February 19.—5-20s, '62, 95⅞, a96.

PARIS, February 19.—Rentes 66f 35c.

LIVERPOOL, February 19.—Cotton firm; middling upland 11¼d. California white wheat 12s 6d; red Western 11s 9d@12s; flour 26s@28s; corn 29s 9d; lard 44s 9d.

ANTWERP, February 19.—Petroleum 44 francs.

CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Special Meeting—Appointment of Standing Committees—Routine Business.

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Meeting at Rochester, Pa., on Saturday.

ROCHESTER, Pa., February 19, 1872.

Pursuant to call a meeting of the citizens of Rochester and vicinity was held in Town Hall, Rochester, on the evening of the 17th inst. The meeting was largely attended, and proceeded to organize by appointing Dr. D. S. Marquis, chairman, and W. S. Shallenberger, secretary.

On motion, the selection of the following-named delegates, to represent this community in the Cincinnati Convention, was duly ratified, viz: Thomas J. Power, Gilbert Pendleton and Wm. B. Dunlap.

On motion, authorizing the chair to appoint a committee of three on resolutions, Messrs. Wm. B. Dunlap, Samuel J. Cross and Dr. A. T. Shallenberger were selected said committee.

Pending the report of the Committee, Gen. Power addressed the meeting, dwelling upon the relative merits of the plans proposed for the improvement of the Ohio, and upon the vast importance of the work.

The following preamble and resolutions were then presented, and, on motion, unanimously adopted, separately and as a whole:

WHEREAS, A convention will assemble in the city of Cincinnati on the 20th inst. in the interest of the Ohio River Improvement; and whereas, the citizens of Rochester and vicinity have not in public meeting discussed and expressed their sentiments in the call for said convention, in order that the delegates appointed may fully represent the wishes of this community in their behalf; therefore

Resolved, That we heartily approve the call for the proposed Convention, and cherish the hope that a plan for the permanent improvement of this great national highway may be agreed upon, which will prove eminently thorough and practical, provided, however, that nothing be done to interfere with the free and untaxed navigation thereof.

Resolved, That we have unbounded faith in the power and volume of public opinion, if fully aroused and well directed, to convince Congress and the country of the vast national importance of the work.

Resolved, That we urge upon the Convention the propriety of recommending permanent organizations in every city, town, county and Congressional district, interested in, or cognizant of, the immense advantages to be derived from this work, whether sectional or national.

Resolved, That the thanks of the entire river interest are due to Hon. William McClelland and Hon. James S. Negley, members of the House of Representatives, for the zeal and ability manifested by them in securing the passage of the joint resolution of Congress, rendering inoperative for the space of six months, until fuller investigation, the veto given it, a very proscriptive clause in the steamboat law of last winter.

Resolved, That copies of the proceeding of this meeting be furnished the county papers, and the Pittsburgh COMMERCIAL and *Post*, with request for publication.

W. S. SHALLENBERGER, Secretary.

ONE PER CENT. discount allowed on all bills paid within ten days from date of purchase by T. C. Jenkins & Bro. tf

EQUALIZATION AGAIN.

The Twelfth Ward Speaks.

Last evening the citizens of the Twelfth ward held a meeting in the School House to take action in relation to the "McCarthy Equalization Bill."

Mr. Mundorff was called to the chair.

On motion, a committee was appointed on resolutions, consisting of Messrs. Johnson, Welsh, Selmon, Reymer and Tibby.

On motion, Mr. Ford was called upon to address the meeting.

Mr. Ford responded and elaborated at length on the duties of assessors and the inequality of the assessments made. The Councilmen of the ward were complimented for casting their vote in favor of the equalization of taxation.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, There is now a copy of a proposed act of Assembly before the City Councils for recommendation for its passage through the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, having for its object the equalization of the valuations of real estate within the city for taxable purposes. And,

WHEREAS, The valuation of real estate for taxable purposes is notoriously unequal and unjust, bearing with great severity on some, and unfairly relieving others of their just proportion of the public expenses; Therefore,

Resolved, That any valuation of real estate for taxable purposes that compels one man to pay more than his just proportion of taxes, is a spoliation of that man's property for the benefit of some other man, and is therefore a robbery by means of the law.

Resolved, That as the assessment rolls of the valuations of real estate for taxable purposes in this city show inequalities running from fifty per cent. of actual value to 50 per cent. of the same. We call upon our representatives in Councils to use all honorable exertions for their adjustment.

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THE coming Oratorio of "Esther," which is to be produced at Library Hall, in March, has created quite a flutter among our amateur vocalists. Let us hope that the musical talent of Pittsburgh will be afforded an opportunity to do something more entertaining than the "go to sleep" *Messe Solonelle*. This was the last kick of our Cantata Society; so let us hope that the effort of Mr. Saenger, even if it is to make money for himself, will result in the formation of a musical association in Pittsburgh, something like the old "Philharmonic." That our city is particularly blessed in the way of a very prescriptive taste can not be questioned. It is only hoped that the present effort will result in the placing, on a sound basis, of such a singing society as our city should have had long since.

BEFORE Alderman Butler yesterday, John Campbell made an information against Phillip Clow, charging him with larceny of a small sum of money. The parties are residents of Sharpsburg. A warrant was issued.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—ONE HOUSE OF 11 Rooms, 2 Parlors, 8 feet Hall, Bay Windows, 2 Marble Mantels and Marble Hearths, finished in the best style; Pump and Cistern; large Stable and Carriage House, on corner Penn avenue and Fawkes street, two rods from the city line. One three-story Brick, 9 Rooms, No. 1011 Penn avenue. Also, No. 921 and 923 Penn avenue, each 5 Rooms. Inquire of JAS. TIBBY, or at TIBBY BROS.

FOR RENT—A FIRST-CLASS STORE-ROOM, 70:30 feet, under Odd Fellows Hall, with Cellar underneath, at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania Railroad. Inquire of W. L. HUNTER.

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The Daily Commercial.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1872.

THE Ohio River Improvement Convention which meets in Cincinnati to-day will be an important meeting, and much good may result from it. Delegates from a very wide district of country will be in attendance.

ALTHOUGH a portion of the Republican press of Pennsylvania is discussing the question of the manner of appointing delegates to the National Convention, in no instance, so far as we know, has dissent from the nomination of Gen. GRANT been expressed. The only point on which there appears to be any division is whether the delegates shall be appointed by the people or State Convention.

MR. CURTIS, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, assures us that Gen. GRANT will, in this regard, "certainly do what he has announced." With the knowledge which it possesses of his firmness of character and tireless perseverance in the pursuit of duty, the whole country will accept this assurance with peculiar satisfaction. Luckily the success of Civil Service Reform rests not with Congress, but with Gen. GRANT, and to him the friends of Reform will look with confidence. Mr. CURTIS' remarks with perfect truth that "nothing would tend more to secure his re-election than the confidence of the country that he would push the reform forward from point to point." The country has seen enough to know that it is not on Mr. SUMNER, nor Gen. SCHURZ, nor Mr. CONKLING, nor Mr. MORTON, that it can depend to consummate this reform, but Gen. GRANT, who has promised it as resolutely as he promised to crush the rebellion when he crossed the Rapidan.

[From the Philadelphia Commercial List.]

Despite the brief term which Col. Forney has filled the office of Collector, his efforts have been unwearied, and its perfectly safe to assert that he has already done more to benefit our city, than was effected by other collectors during the previous twenty years. In his retirement the Government loses the services of a valuable officer, but it is a gratifying fact that it will not be a total loss to Philadelphia, as he will be the more able, when untrammelled by office, to throw his great energy and ability as a journalist into the great work of political reform.

There is no kind of doubt that this is a discriminating statement of Col. FORNEY's value as a public officer, and it is all the more valuable because it is made by the organ of the branch of the community with which his duties brought him most in contact. How vicious must be the system under which an officer so capable and valuable cannot out of self respect continue to hold! Instances like these afford unanswerable proof of the necessity for reform in the Civil Service. Col. FORNEY resigned because he could not hold the office without stifling his conscientious convictions about matters concerning which the largest liberty should be tolerated. It becomes necessary to point the illustration thus sharply to awaken the public mind to the magnitude of the evil to be cured.

REMARKING on the recent petition to Congress from the merchants and business men of twenty-two States, asking that qualification and efficiency shall be made the test and the tenure of public office, Mr. GEORGE W. CURTIS, in the current number of *Harper's Weekly*, notices some of the latest objections made to Civil Service Reform by those who appear to think that the ability of a man to serve his country is measured by his skill and unscrupulousness in manipulating caucuses and voters, and says:

"The happy go lucky argument that we have always done very well under the system, and that it is agreeable to the genius of our institutions, is merely a declaration that we have not succumbed to it yet, and that the genius of our institutions is elastic."

To which, referring to the profound conviction of the people that something must be done, and to their desire that the President shall make a beginning and show what his purpose is, he adds:

"*We are very sure that nothing would tend more to secure his re-election than the confidence of the country that he would push forward from point to point. Of his determination there is no question. He will certainly do what he has announced.*"

It is probable that in this reference to the President Mr. CURTIS speaks by the card; and, Congress or no Congress, we may therefore hope soon to see the ball set in motion.

IT is said that a considerable change is taking place in the views of Congress with respect to Civil Service reform, and that the reflective sentiment of many members of both Houses who revolted from the proposition when the political effects of the plan were first considered, has since led them to indorse the reform, in consequence of which favorable alteration of opinion it is thought to be not improbable that some measure may yet pass. The House Select Committee on the question will be called to report to-day, and may possibly have many members in both bodies will be certain to fight desperately in behalf of the present system, to which they owe their seats and whatever influence they possess; but neither, we think, is it questionable that the battle has got to go on until Congress takes up the subject and acts upon it in accordance with the wishes of the people. The public demand for the measure is based upon a sound principle, and the agitation will be sure to continue until the opinion of the nation concerning the question is crystalized into law. It is hinted in some quarters that while the President is honestly desirous of putting the new system into practice, he is already exhibiting signs of breaking down under the secret pressure of Congress. This we do not believe. He cares, and he knows that the people care, for the character and efficiency of the public officers of the country, and we believe he will stand firm to the end, notwithstanding all the efforts of politicians and patronage brokers to move him from his position. He can afford to appeal from them to the people.

THE PENALTY OF WITHDRAWING.

Should Great Britain decide upon withdrawing from the Alabama treaty, it is rumored that our government immediately initiate to negotiate its treaty of maritime reciprocity, and impose differential duties on all goods brought in English ships to our ports. To show how disastrously this would affect that country, we give the following statement, derived from official sources, of the tonnage she employs in trade with the United States. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, there were entered and cleared from our various ports, vessels belonging to thirty different nationalities. The English flag covered more than eight-tenths of the total tonnage. There are only two countries of Europe whose ships trading with our ports, outnumber those of Great Britain. These are France and Germany. There are but four points from which vessels entered that the British flag does not cover the ships—Russia on the Black Sea, Denmark, French Guiana and Hawaiian ports. The following is the total number of vessels entered and cleared:

ENTERED.		CLEARED.	
No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
14,406	6,266,444	19,288	6,151,537

Of which aggregate the total number and tonnage of British vessels were:

ENTERED.		CLEARED.	
No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
12,849	5,311,779	15,765	5,311,179

This is an enormous proportion, and of it steam tonnage constitutes a most important part. The total number of steam vessels entered at our ports during that period was 858, with a tonnage of 1,882,437 tons; cleared, 829, total tonnage 1,815,883; of which the English flag covered 716 vessels, entered, with a tonnage of 1,489,763; cleared, 682 ships, total tonnage, 1,418,826. Of United States steam vessels there entered during the same period 754 vessels, having a tonnage of 781,527; cleared, 780 vessels, tonnage 784,776, by far the larger portion of this number being, however, engaged in coast and provincial traffic. The paucity of our maritime steam capacity as compared with England is sufficiently shown in the fact that while we report three vessels having a total of less than 5,000 tons, entered from English ports direct, the record shows 440 British vessels of the same class, with a burden of 1,242,589 tons, as entered from the same ports. If, therefore, Great Britain can afford to back out of the treaty and enter upon an indefinitely prolonged era of bitterness and exasperation, we certainly can; for, in the end, the injury inflicted on her vast commerce by the imposition of differential duties would be felt almost as severely as the payment of consequential damages.

THE RABID REVIEW.

The mention of the United States in the hearing of the London *Saturday Review*, is to that journal what the flaunting of a piece of scarlet is to a crimson-hating bull. We havn't an institution which it does not detest, a public man at whom it has not shaken its fist, a work of art which it has not ridiculed, a book which it has not damned, nor even so much as a woman on whose garments it has not squirted its rhetorical vitriol. About a year ago we described its frantic chase after a Yankee girl in her travels about the world, and showed what a fractious donkey it made of itself on that occasion. It is now kicking its savage heels at another American woman. Some time ago ENNA DEAN PROCTOR published a very readable and interesting volume, entitled "A Russian Journey," in which, among other things, she recorded her opinion that "Russia is destined to take Constantinople and reign supreme in the East as the United States in the West." This sentence has given mortal offense to the *Review*, which wants to know what will have become of the British Empire in the meantime, and whether the observant lady does not consider it possible that the said empire might possibly interfere somewhat with the realization of this "Russo-American dream"—with many more hard questions and sneering rejoinders of the same sort, which leave it to be inferred that the *Review* considers Miss PROCTOR, and all her countrymen and country women, to be engaged in a base and swindling conspiracy against the peace and dignity of the "said empire," to the existence of which said conspiracy everybody except itself is willfully stark blind; everybody except that the *Review* should have so unconquerable an aversion to blue pills as it appears to possess, when it stands so greatly in need of them, and would derive such important benfit from their use.

MR. WICKERSHAM'S WAY.

According to the report of the Common Schools of Pennsylvania there are in the State 75,000 neglected children growing up in ignorance. Provision is made by the State for educating nearly all of these, and yet they are not in our schools, nor likely to be. It is certainly a very serious question; what shall be done with them? The practical question is to get them into the school room. Some persons think that making the schools more attractive will draw them there. The State Superintendent is of this opinion. We are sorry he has lent his influence through his report to disseminate this opinion.

Let us see who these children are, that do not attend school, and what the reasons of their non-attendance are, and ask ourselves, whether they will likely be *drawn* to the school by the attractions of the house, the grounds, and the character of the teacher.

1. Some of them are orphans, with no one to care for them—they run loose and wild.

2. Some of them are working in mills and mines, and cannot command their own time.

3. Some are kept at home by their parents or guardians to do all sorts of drudgery.

4. Some are kept at home because they have no suitable clothing to attend school.

5. Some, and these are a great many, because their parents don't care enough about school to send them.

It will be seen from the above classification that the fault of non-attendance lies with the parents, guardians and employers, and not with the children. It is the ignorance and selfishness of those who have charge of the children that keep the children from school, and no attractions of the school can act on or overcome them. You must compel the parents and guardians to send the child to the school, and then the attractions may draw the child and keep it there.

But Superintendent WICKERSHAM is opposed to a "compulsory law," and for the following reasons:

1. Because "such laws have not proven very effective," &c. Prussia has such a law, and yet the school-going population does not give a higher percentage than in countries that do not have such laws.

Mr. WICKERSHAM gives us his "say so." Other men have reported very differently about the effect of such a law in Prussia. Mr. WICKERSHAM should have given the Legislature the figures and facts. The fact that you hardly ever find a German who cannot read and write is certainly against the Superintendent's assertion and assumption.

2. Massachusetts is cited against a "compulsory law." The agent of the Board of Education, the Secretary of that Board, and the State constable are all against it. But let us *hear* what these officers say.

The State agent's words are, "It is true we have a compulsory law with sufficient penalties, *if enforced*, but in many towns it is not only not enforced but no disposition to enforce it is shown."

The State Constable says: "Now, we know indeed that there is a compulsory statute of the Commonwealth in relation to the schooling of children, but like a great many other statutes on the books, it is paralytic, effete, dead—killed by neglect. *It was never enforced, and never supposed to be anybody's duty to enforce it.*" In fact, we are inclined to believe that it is not generally known that such a law was ever enacted. *Nobody looks after it*," &c.

Now, what do these men testify? That "a compulsory law" is inefficient? No; but that it is not enforced. Suppose Massachusetts did not enforce her laws against stealing, would you cite such non-enforcement, and the consequent increase of theft, as an argument why Pennsylvania should not have laws against stealing?

The Superintendent demurs to a compulsory law, because he thinks it is not "in consonance with the spirit of our free institutions," and because it "would disturb the sacredness of the family—a matter so dear to the Anglo-Saxon race." Is it among the Anglo-Saxons that this

[illegible] compulsory law finds the strongest expression?

But after all Mr. WICKERSHAM is in favor of a good deal of compulsion.

1. He recommends a truant law, that is, he is not in favor of truants exercising their freedom. The spirit of our free institutions may or may not be "in consonance" with such a law, and the sacredness of the family may be much disturbed—no matter, compulsion is good for truants.

2. He is in favor of a law *preventing* the employment of children in mills, manufactories, &c., without some provision for their education. Is this liberty or law? The Superintendent's law is better than his logic.

3. He is, further, in favor of legalizing, if not requiring, the establishment of a home for friendless and neglected children, and, in this way, he would only step in to take the parents' place where children either have no parents or none that cared for them."

We don't know that any friend of compulsory education asks for any more compulsion than Mr. WICKERSHAM here demands. The Maine toper was in favor of the theory of the Maine law, but against the practice. Mr. WICKERSHAM is in favor of the practice but against the theory of compulsory education. We prefer Mr. WICKERSHAM's position. Give us attractive schools for the children, and a compulsory law for the parents.

GRANT AND THE TARIFF.

The free traders are felicitating themselves on the prospect of a victory in the struggle in Congress, which they claim has been precipitated by the free tea and coffee instruction to the Committee of Ways and Means. Without stopping to examine the grounds of this confidence, it may be said with certainty that the tariff question will enter as a leading issue into the next Presidential canvass. In view of this, to General GRANT's emphatic declarations in favor of protecting home industry and capital attaches greater importance than probably he had any thought when he uttered them. He stands against free trade in whatever disguise it may appear, and if the issue is made, as the Revenue Reformers promise, GRANT will of necessity be the Protection candidate. So let the other side present their candidate and make the issue as quickly as possible. In such a contest even Mr. GREELEY will have no objection to Gen. GRANT. On such an issue Pennsylvania would give him a larger majority in 1872 than she gave in 1868. Let the free traders derive what comfort they can from the prospect.

THERE appears to be some likelihood that the *Congressional Globe*—that dreary limbo of unremembered buncombe—may shortly be abolished. Under the lead of General Beatty, of Ohio, quite a respectable minority of the House are reported to be dead set against it, and it is said that accessions to the ranks of these reformers are taking place every day. The *Globe* has been established forty-one years. When first originated it supplied a public want, there being at that time very few newspapers in the country, while railroads, telegraphs, and the stenographic art, were practically unknown. Now, the proceedings of today are served up in the papers of to-morrow with as much regularity as people's breakfasts, and there is no more necessity for preserving the speeches of Congressmen in the *Congressional Globe* than there is for laying away cast off clothing in lavender. It is reported that the publishers of the *Globe* make forty thousand dollars clear out of their business every year. If it must continue let the price be cut down to a fair profit, or supersede the verbatim reports with an abstract, and put a total stop to the practice of publishing undelivered speeches, now so common and so reprehensible. There are ninety-nine volumes of the *Globe* now in existence, to which the last Congress contributed seven, and which the present one will probably increase by as many more. It is a needless expenditure, and should be very greatly curtailed, or else abolished altogether. A movement is also understood to be on foot for doing away with the publication of the laws in the newspapers.

THE Legislative Committee of inquiring into the alleged sale of bogus diplomas by the Philadelphia University and the Eclectic Medical College of that city, are prosecuting their labors. The sale of such diplomas appears to have been made out. Some of the Professors and officers swear, however, that they never knew it being done. One witness, a reporter of the press, set to ferret the matter, swore: "I asked how much it would cost to get a diploma, and Dr. Buchanan arose and closed the door, and in a confidential manner whispered that $25 would get a diploma." There is much more of the same sort about both the institutions.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

A European paper gives the following concerning a car said to be in actual use on some railroad on the Continent. It is made to seat eighty-four passengers, thirty-two on an upper floor, on eight seats; fifty on the lower floor, on ten seats, and one seat for two in the upper tier; with places for the conductor and the brake. The car weighs 7,600 kilogrammes, or 15,756 pounds, which is at the rate of 204 pounds per passenger.

The New York Canal Commissioners report that they have received over 700 communications from all parts of the world in reference to power on canals; many models have been sent, some being the productions of women; some are valuable, but many are results of inexperience, or are visionary.

PERSONAL.

A new aspirant for musical honors has lately appeared in New York, of whom much praise is spoken, and many high hopes entertained by competent judges. The name of the young lady, who is about twenty-two years of age, is Emma Abbott, and she fills at present the position of soprano in Dr. Chapin's church. Miss Kellogg, Parepa-Rosa, Adelaide Phillips, and Nilsson have all acknowledged her extraordinary vocal abilities. She is the daughter of a Wisconsin music teacher in humble circumstances, and almost from infancy manifested a passionate love for music and desire to sing. At the age of thirteen, urged by the pressing necessities of her family, she determined to try and earn some money by her talents; setting out by herself and visiting all the towns adjoining the village in Illinois where her parents then resided, giving concerts at each one of them. Some of these proved quite successful, while others failed utterly, the proceeds being hardly sufficient to pay her bills and railroad fare to the next town. Her pluck and perseverance, however, carried her through, and she traversed the whole of Illinois, Michigan, and parts of Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana and Canada in this way before she was eighteen years of age. She studied hard all the time, and never lost faith that she was destined to become a great singer. Finally, in 1869, she made up her mind to go to New York, and by some means obtain a thorough musical education, starting on the trip with four dollars and a half to pay her way. At the town where her money gave out Miss Kellogg was to appear the next night, and the young girl determined to ask her to hear her sing. This she consented to do, and after listening to her was loud in her praise, paying her fare to New York and giving her letters of introduction to Ernani, perhaps the best musical teacher in the United States, who at once took her under his instruction and found for her a comfortable home. She has now been in New York something over two years, making the most of her advantages and gaining greater proficiency every day. She receives the largest salary of any singer in a Protestant church in the city. Not long ago Nilsson said to her, "You can sing as well as I can; there are golden ducats in your voice." A gentleman of means recently offered to pay her a hundred thousand dollars and expenses for five years of her services, provided she would go before the public at once. This offer she declined, however, being desirous of first obtaining a thorough training. She is about to go abroad for further study, her expenses being paid by the voluntary contributions of her friends and admirers.

Delay in the Transportation of Railway Freights.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

I take this, I think, the most reliable means of directing the attention of the public and of the heads and agents of railroads entering our city from the West and South to the gross delay and neglect suffered by merchants receiving freight over these roads. To illustrate to you what length of time is consumed on one of these roads in transporting a car load a distance of less than fifty miles, I will cite you a case of my own, one that has happened time and again, and for which I have never received a plausible excuse, until now forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. On or about the 15th of January I had shipped me several cars of merchandise, and to-day, February 14th, am just in receipt of part of the cars shipped. A merchant had goods on a different road for six weeks, and these delays are more the rule than the exception. A delay of a few days is little thought of.

When goods are allowed to be on the way so great a time as the above, it is high time to express indignation, to bring about a reform, and learn why things are so. The direct pecuniary loss to merchants resulting from these delays amounts to no inconsiderable sum, leaving out the vexatious inconvenience.

After having made numerous complaints at the railroad offices, without any satisfactory result, I make, at the earnest solicitation of many shippers, this formal appeal, through the medium of your excellent journal. Not knowing whether these delays are the natural result of an overtaxed rolling stock or an inefficient management, I refrain from comment, hoping for an early abolishment of this evil.

SHIPPER.

Revival of Our Shipping Interests.

The revival of the shipping interests of the United States is just at present eliciting general attention and interest in and out of Congress. Donald McKay, one of the most prominent practical ship-builders of the country, has written a voluminous letter upon the subject, in which he says that with proper relief from the Government, iron vessels can be built here as cheap and as good, both hull and machinery, as in Great Britain, our Pennsylvania iron being superior in quality to that of England for marine purposes, while, in addition to having the best material, we have also the best skilled labor in the world. He suggests an immediate reform in the complicated systems of rating and classification of vessels in vogue in this country, of which there are four, each claiming to be the best in manner of construction, and yet widely at variance. This, he states, causes great confusion and loss to ship-holders in foreign ports, and he urges as a remedy the adoption by the government of a uniform system of rating, which he thinks could be done without interfering with the private rights of ship-owners. He argues, further, that the government ought to place all foreign passenger steamers under the same rules and regulations as England applies the same law to the United States passenger vessels as well as her own. No matter what may be the nationality of passenger vessels, Great Britain compels them to comply with her own passenger laws, while the government of the United States permits all foreign passenger steamers to leave United States ports without compliance with the United States passenger steamboat laws, thus giving them extra privileges because they sail under a foreign flag. Mr. McKay urges the abolishment of this discrimination against our own vessels, and the placing of all bottoms on a common footing in this respect. But he does not consider it advisable that the government relief which he advocates should take the form a remission of duties on imported shipbuilding material, deeming it best for the government to pay the builder the difference between the cost of iron here and in England than to resort to the other step.

The Coolie Question in Cuba.

In view of the evident intention of the ultra Spanish party to reduce the eighty thousand Chinese now in Cuba to a condition of slavery, it becomes a grave question whether the party is not reached at which it is the bounden duty of the Christian and civilized powers of the world to interfere to prevent the execution of so atrocious a design. For it is apparent that, no matter what laws may have heretofore been passed by the now disregarded Spanish government, or by humane governors of the island, all laws and ideas of justice are at present trampled under foot, and that the Chinese now in Cuba are being made the victims of outrages as black and infamous as any which disgraced the days of Cortez. It is said that the Consuls of Great Britain, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Denmark, are engaged in drawing up a protest against Valmaseda's recent proclamation and the shameful proceedings subsequently had under it. In this protest it would seem eminently proper that our own Consul General should join. The Chinese in Havana are reported to be holding meetings in secret to see if some steps cannot be taken to secure the good offices of the British Consul in their behalf. The New York *Mail* sees no other alternative in the matter than for the Chinese government to declare war against the Spanish authorities in Cuba; and it argues that, although China has no navy, with her abundant supplies of money she could hire ships of war and volunteer fighters to man them, and within three months place a fleet on the coast of Cuba that would require the attention of the entire Spanish navy, besides conveying to the island Cuban arms enough to enable them to drive into Havana all the Spanish troops on the island, and this without so much as risking the life of a single Chinaman. Whether this plan would be as feasible as it looks, perhaps admits of argument; but that some means of putting a stop to the heinous crimes which in Cuba are disgracing the name of civilization and humanity ought speedily to be adopted, would seem to admit of no question at all.

Winter Living in Florida.

We get up in the morning and eat a few oranges by way of preparing an appetite for breakfast. Then M. and L. take theirs in their rooms. I take mine under the trees. After breakfast, which usually consists of about fifteen dishes, more or less, oftenest more, we go out for a walk. We usually begin under an orange tree; we always end there. There are 30,000 on the trees, which are free to us. At dinner we have oranges again. They constitute the sixth course, each course having from one to thirty dishes. If they are not on the table we ask for them. We have never had to ask yet. They are both cooked and uncooked, skins on and off. After dinner we eat oranges under the trees. I forgot all about lunch. One day I counted eighteen dishes and two darkies; we had oranges, and had them again in the afternoon.—*Letter to the Boston Journal.*

QUADRILATERAL REPUBLICAN JOURNALS.

Horace White, Managing Editor of the Chicago Tribune.

[From Harper's Weekly.]

In the journalism of the West there have been marked changes in the past ten years; and no innovator and reformer in his profession has been more bold, judicious and successful than Mr. Horace White. He edits the most prosperous and influential of that quadrilateral of what we may call detached Republican journals, doing independent and not always passively obedient duty to the progressive party, which begins at Pittsburgh with Mr. Brigham's COMMERCIAL, embraces both the *Gazette* and *Commercial* at Cincinnati, sometimes includes the St. Louis *Democrat*, and, with the *Tribune* at Chicago, presents the most formidable bastion angle. It frequently happens that all these journals stand together spontaneously upon public questions; they have always respected each other; and yet each may be said to elect its own course, and to reveal the bent of mind of its conductor.

Horace White is the youngest of these editors, his years hanging well suspended between the thirtieth and fortieth mile stones. His life has been that of a Western man, relying for occupation for seventeen years upon journalism. He is a native of New Hampshire, and while a baby emigrated with his father to Beloit, Wisconsin. The father, a physician, died while Horace White was a child, and the young man owed a good Western college education to the equal and kindly care of a stepfather.

He is probably the only editor of an important daily paper in this country who has educated himself by a systematic, sequential and thorough primary course of reading and study, and this, pursued through a series of many unostentatious, modest years, giving him discipline and convictions together as it proceeded, brought him to the editorial chair with ripe acquirements and the will of a reformer. His predecessor, Mr. Jos. Medill, now Mayor of Chicago, had been a man of remarkable suggestiveness, fertility and public spiritedness, and had developed the *Tribune* to be the most popular newspaper in the Northwest. Many supposed that Mr. White's accession was fortuitous or circumstantially merely, and that his youth and relative want of experience would soon be made manifest. A few knew better. Mr. Norman Judd bore testimony to the keen, genial, but withal searching personal acquaintance of Mr. White with substratum politics; Mr. Codbaugh, the leading banker of the Northwest, to his intimate acquaintance with finance as a science and a commerce; and men like Senators Grimes and Fessenden were aware of his rare yet never arrogant mental boldness. The *Tribune* immediately changed front, and while in accord with its party on all proper points, developed an individual conscience, a discretion, and a prescience in the public interests, and a definiteness of purpose on some issues as yet in abeyance, which indicated a spirit that had come to lead as well as to follow. The new editor might have been presumed a partisan extremist, for as early as 1856 he had been a secretary of the National Kansas Committee, and on him, as was testified before the Senate investigation, devolved almost exclusively the distribution of arms, clothing and money to John Brown and the free settlers of Kansas. But the Chicago *Tribune*, in Mr. White's hands, has not merely been a chastener of its own party locally—it has met the shock of the blind indignation of its party nationally. When the Chicago convention assembled, in the height of the impeachment trial panic, and the impotent rage of tens of thousands of baffled place-seekers or excited partisans demanded a victim, the *Tribune*, which had not opposed the trial, defended the Senators who had stopped the purpose of the infuriated multitude then spent their vengeance upon this newspaper and its editor. In the fury of the time some of Mr. White's associates lost courage. An opinion paper, which had cost its founders more than a million of dollars, appeared to have found its opportunity, and sought to build Industriously in the dead lion's jaws. The occasion was a critical one for democratic journalism, and the issue proved that henceforward there was to be no martial law in partisanship over papers which served the party, as a machine, nothing. The *Tribune* had its most prosperous year, commercially, following that revolt, while the organ of "the party" has expired.

Upon the subjects of tariff reform, currency reform, civil service, the limitation of the uses of party organization to issues of large polity rather than to mere patronage and civic rule, the Chicago *Tribune* has proceeded with zeal, conviction, and ability, and led the discussion in the West. It has labored to widen the charities of voters and of parties, and to break the violence of opinion. The measure of its power in these matters is it success. Earl De Grey, when in Washington, expressed the opinion that it was the ablest American journal.

Mr. White is an author and a translator as well as editor, and he was for some time an officer of the government under Secretary Stanton. He is a frail-looking man, with fine, expressive eyes, a large forehead and brain, a pale skin, and the stamp of a student. A true and sympathetic nature, yet never pining, hasty, nor overexcitable, a calm temperament, no greed for what is called success if it involves the least sacrifice of self-respect, and a disinclination for notoriety and office—these are qualities which enable him to make a powerful, poignant and earnest newspaper which is leavening the West with high thoughts, and pointing it to true aims.

When the late fire swept away Mr. White's residence barely giving him time to escape, and also burned the *Tribune* edifice and contents, in which $250,000 were invested, and imperiled a good-will estimated at one million of dollars quarter dollars, in which he was a chief and the youngest sufferer, he was noticed for a few days to come quietly to his desk, and direct details in a meditative mood.

"He is a good deal cut up, is he not?" was asked of another editor.

"Not for his own loss," was the reply. White is a man of a still, sympathetic nature, and he feels this misery upon so many whom he knows, and the loss of the city in which he took a good deal of pride."

Mr. White had the coolness, however, to write a narrative of the conflagration immediately, which filled an entire page of the Chicago *Commercial*, and was one of the most discriminative and touching compositions on the fire it was given to the editor of the *Commercial* in recognition of a timely supply of type. About this time another visiting editor said:

"Mr. White, I hope you bear the situation."

"Well," said Mr. White, I have one subject of consolation during the fire—the History of Prices," in six volumes, absolutely irreplaceable, because it is out of print. I believe that's all that worries me."

The *Tribune*, it may be added, found its building, on examination, only half destroyed, and such is the vitality of standard newspaper property that the very necessities of the fire increased its advertisements, while the circulation expanded proportionate to the diminished demand for the cheaper and volatile journals. The fact is patent that, except in extraordinary instances, a newspaper cannot be deprived of the fruits of its enterprise by any difference with political parties, and that in great social and commercial calamities it is the new starting point. The citadel of a daily journal is the news, and advertisements are also news.

The publisher of the Chicago *Post*, Alfred Cowles, is of Ohio birth and Connecticut extraction—a sterling business man. One of its proprietors is Governor William Bross, who began the publication of journals in Chicago before any of his associates.

LITERARY, ARTISTIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

A recent number of the *Illustrated London News* contains a full page engraving of "La Regina—a Venetian Dancing Girl," after a painting in the Dudley gallery, by Elihu Vedder. Of the picture the paper says: "We are glad to know that the American painters, as well as sculptors, are manifesting the go ahead energy of their race, and many of them are distinguished by rare and original qualities."

Professor Rubini is reported to have discovered, in a cooper's shop of Boulogne, a young tenor, by the name of Devilliers, whose voice is said to surpass even Wachtel's in power and compass. The Professor thinks that the new star will be able to appear within three months at the Grand Opera House of Paris.

The Duke of Somerset has just published a remarkable book on "Christian Theology and Modern Scepticism." It develops in a striking manner the growing discontent of intelligent thinking men with ecclesiastical beliefs.

The first number of a new periodical, the *Canadian Monthly*, has just been issued at Toronto, with the object "of giving an organ to the intellectual life of Canada," an attempt which has frequently been made before, but has always failed from the scarcity of able contributors and the indisposition of the publishers to pay them.

It is said that the students whom war drew off from the seats of learning are now all flocking back to the German universities. Nearly all are overcrowded this winter, and it is remarked that the study of facts, as distinguished from the idealistic, has become the leading predilection with the young men, and is looked upon as a sign of a healthy national development.

Thank you, but we knew it already. A London literary journal says: "Among the things not generally known is the fact that the periodical literature of America is assuming a higher tone, and is even now, at its best, fit to stand side by side with the best which is being done in England to-day."

From Leipsic we hear of a new pianist of the highest order. The new *virtuoso* is a young Swedish lady of rare beauty and accomplishments. Her name is Erika Lie, and the most eminent musical critics compare her to Clara Schumann.

CONTRARY to general expectation comparatively little interest appears to be taken by publishers in this country in the international copyright question. The general opinion seems to be that a law which would be satisfactory and just to all parties concerned is not to be expected on the present basis of human nature, and that the best law that could now be passed would discriminate in favor of a few great houses, to the serious detriment of the smaller dealers. It is also urged that among honorable publishers, and the authors of books which are really valuable and advantageous to literature in all its departments, the general rule which at present prevails of making definitive pecuniary arrangements with regard to publication in other countries, is satisfactory to all parties concerned. The gist of opinion concerning the matter seems to be that little would, in any event, be gained by an international copyright law, and that it is impossible to frame one which shall bear equally on all.

VAN NOSTRAND'S *Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, the prospectus of which is published in this paper, is a publication which should circulate largely in this section. It is one of the very best in the country.

THE SNOW-DRIFT.

The snows are whirling, thick and fast,
The drifts assail my doorway;
I doubt me if a wilder blast
Blows o'er the hills of Norway.
Bow o'er the hearth my olden friend;
Sit thee down by my chair;
We twain will mock the weather;
And, while the fearful winds contend,
We'll have a night together.

O, many a year and many a storm
We twain have mocked at nightly;
And through our hearts to-night are warm,
Our heads are powdered whitely.
And snows have drifted o'er our souls,
To fall on wintry heather,
And hide from us the grassy knolls
Where rest our loves together.

Stir up the fire! we'll talk of love—
Of love, old friend, and sorrow;
For life, like rainbow arched above,
Its light through tears must borrow.
We'll talk of lips that clung to ours,
Though ours are now like leather:
We'll talk of girls, we'll talk of flowers,
That now are dust together.

Fill up the cup, old friend of mine,
Though tears have wet our lashes;
For all our dead we quaff the wine,
And pledge—to dust and ashes.
We'll bind to-night our friends and foes
With memory's silken tether;
And, underneath the drifting snows,
We'll love and hate together.

O! wintry heart! 'tis throbbing low—
O! wintry storm! 'tis pelting:
But boots it that we warm our snow?—
It turns to tears in melting.
But better tears than ice, old friend,
So tears we'll share together;
And o'er our hearts a rainbow bend,
To light the stormy weather.

A. J. H. Duganne.

An Improved "Spark Arrester."

A correspondent at Blairsville sends us a description of an improved "spark arrester," for locomotive engines, designed more especially for straight or cylindrical stacks. It was invented by H. F. Reiner, an employee in the West Penn Railroad shops in Blairsville, and patented February 6, 1872. It consists of a wire screen in the form of a frustum of a cone, which is inverted and attached to the mouth of the smoke stack by its base, so as to extend downward therefrom to within a short distance of the base of an inverted funnel, used for deflecting the sparks against the top of the stack, arranged suitably therefor and receiving them from the sides of the screen after the force with which they are carried up is arrested; and below the funnel, which has a hole at the bottom, is an inverted conical cup into which the sparks are received, to be again delivered to the blast and forced up to the top of the stack as before, to be extinguished and broken so as to be carried off through the screen with the smoke. This operation being repeated until the sparks are fine enough for being so carried off and the fire extinguished. This invention is very simple, and is put into a stack at a small cost. It has been tested, and proves to be a most efficient spark arrester, preventing the escape of any considerable sparks or cinders, any that do escape being so small as to die out before reaching the ground.

Four Millions of Invalids.

At the lowest computation there are never less than four millions of invalids in the United States. Of this number probably more than three-fifths have neglected the ordinary precautions necessary for the preservation of health, and are suffering the punishment due to their carelessness. If the multitudes who are now afflicted with billiousness, indigestion, rheumatism, intermittent fever, irregularities of the bowels, general debility, nervous disorders, &c., had, at the very first symptoms of indisposition, invigorated, regulated and purified their systems with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, two-thirds of them would at this moment be performing the active duties of life, unannoyed by any ailment of the body or the mind.

This assertion is made advisedly. It is founded on experience, and is borne out by the testimony of a countless host of witnesses, whose attestations have, during almost every variety of disease, and extend over a period of about twenty years. Of every thousand persons who take the Bitters, as a preventive of the complaints above enumerated, seven-eighths escape them entirely, and of every thousand who are actually attacked, and use the great Vegetable Tonic as a remedy, three-fourths are radically cured. These are not hap-hazard assertions, but statistical facts. They are based upon the results of inquiries made by more than fifty thousand persons, in various parts of the country, and upon the letters of prominent citizens of every State, it might almost be said, of every county in the Union.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

MONDAY EVENING, February 19, 1872.

There is no change in monetary matters aside from that noted in our last report. The banks are still holding in their discount lines, and outside paper is very difficult to negotiate, and cannot be placed without paying full rates. Bank rates bring from eight to ten per cent. and at the inside rate but few are accommodated.

The bankers of this city are aiding in every way the prosecution of business which has a legitimate bearing, but they are unwilling to uphold speculative enterprises, unless at wide margins. Borrowers are very numerous, but only the best collaterals command money. Outside rates must be realized to secure sales as reported. Parties interested should bear in mind that the 22d of February is a legal holiday, when all the banks will be closed, and paper maturing on that day must be met on the 21st. Forgetfulness of this fact often gives a good many "turkeys" to the notaries. If our telegrams are correct, we have to note a very marked advance in Pennsylvania Central Railroad stock, the highest point registered since the stock dividend.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morning.	Noon.	Closing.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1881, Coupons	115¼	115¼	115¼
U. S. Bonds of 1864	110¼	110¼	110¼
U. S. Bonds of 1865	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1867	111¾	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1868	112¾	112¾	112¾
10-40's	108¾	108¾	108¾
New 5s	108¾	108¾	108¾
Currency 6s	114	114	114

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Gold	110¼
United States 6s of 1881	115¼
United States 5-20s of 1865	110¼
United States 5-20s of 1865, January and July	110¼
United States 5-20s of 1868	111¾
United States 5-20s of 1868, January and July	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1865	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1867	111¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	112¾
Union Pacific Railroad	85
Central Pacific Railroad	85
Currency Pacifics	114

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day:

February 19, 1872.	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Gold	110¼	110¼	110¼	110¼	110¼	110¼
Canton	41	41				
West's Union Tel	84¾	85	85	85	85	85
Quicksilver	34¾	35	35	35	35	35
Pacific Mail	57¾	57¾	57¾	57¾	57¾	57¾
Adams Express	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
Wells' Fargo Ex	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
American Express	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
United States Ex	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
New York Central	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾	96¾
N. Y. Central scrip	91¾	91¾	91¾	91¾	91¾	91¾
Erie	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
Reading	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾	98¾
Michigan Central	114	114	114	114	114	114
Michigan Southern	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾
Illinois Central	134		133			
Cleveland & Pittsburg	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾
Chicago & North'n	74	74¼	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
Do. preferred	85	85	85	85	85	85
Rock Island	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾	111¾
Fort Wayne	100	100	100	100	100	100
Do. preferred	100	100	100	100	100	100
Wabash	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
Ohio and Mississ	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
Chicago and Alton	123¾	123¾	123¾	123¾	123¾	123¾
Do. preferred	94	94	94	94	94	94
Boston, H Tunl & E	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾
Hartford	134					
New Jersey Central	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾	115¾
Pittsburgh	94	94	94	94	94	94
Missouri 6ses	91	91	91	91	91	91
Tennessee State bonds	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾
Do. New 6ses	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾
South Carolina, July	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾
South Carolina, 6,220	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾	66¾
Missouri sixes	91	91	91	91	91	91

—ENGLISH COINAGE.—The report recently issued by the Master of the Mint, in London, states that during 1870 there were issued 24,339,601 coins, of the aggregate value of $15,914,792. This includes the nickel coinage of Jamaica, the bronze coinage of Jersey, and the copper coinage of Canada and Newfoundland. The total value of the gold coinage struck was $12,340,000; of the silver, $3,574,792; of the bronze, $160,966. There were no farthings struck, as there was no demand for that coin. The average value of the gold coinage struck during 1871 was $12,000,000, but in 1869 it amounted to $15,000,000, and $12,500,000 was the average annual coinage in 1871. The Mint on Tower Hill is one of the places of interest for strangers in London, but admission can only be obtained by an order. According to the report the number of visitors during 1870 was 1,414.

—The next twelve banks in this State in existence under the State Free Banking Law, and the following are their respective capitals, outstanding circulations and securities held for the payment of the same on the first day of January, 1872:

Banks.	Capital.	Circ'n.	Secur's.
Clearfield County	$ 50,000	$ 1,486	National
Downingtown	50,000	900	State
Milton	76,600	706	1,000
Farmers' Mt. Joy	65,000	955	National
F. & Mech., Shippen'g	75,000	1,500	State
Venango	300,000	6,966	Receiver
Petroleum	300,000	8,726	Receiver
Government	300,000	1,000	National
National of Penn'a	500,000	1,793	2,000
Mifflin County	50,000	825	1,000
Millers' & Miners	50,000	1,999	2,000
Merchants'	90,000	49,080	National

—The Auditor General of the State reports that there have been neither receipts nor expenses at his office during 1871 on account of banks organized under the Free Banking law. This system of banking went into operation in the State in 1860. As the above exhibit shows, the banks established under the system have been generally absorbed by the National Bank system and by failures.

—Messrs. Bowen & Fox, brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the closing prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penn a Central	64¼
Phila. and Erie	30¾
Lehigh Navigation	50¾
Catawissa	46
Gil Creek & Alley R	43
Lehigh Valley R. R.	62
Camden and Amboy	126
Schuylkill Navigat'n	16
Reading	98¼

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19.—Beeves in fair demand this week; sales of 2,000 head for extra Pennsylvania and western steers; 9@9c for a few choice; 8@8½c for fair to good; 7@7½c for common. Sheep in fair demand; sales 15,000 at 6@6½c. Hogs higher; sales 3,700 at $7 15@7 50.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, February 19.—Wheat steady and 2c higher; extra $1 56; amber $1 56. Corn firm; 52c for new 55c. Oats dull; State 39½c. Oatmeal $6 00@6 50. Barley higher; sales 3,700 at $1 15@1 50.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—Cotton steady; middling uplands at 22¾c. Flour steady; superfine western and State $6 10@6 50; common to good extra $6 90@7 05; good to choice $7 05@7 60; white wheat western extra $7 60@7 85; extra St. Louis $7 60@8 50. Rye flour more active at $4 10@5 15. Corn meal unchanged. Whisky more active at 91c. Wheat steady; No 1 spring, asked, $1 04; good to choice do, in store, $1 01@1 02; choice No 2 spring Chicago, in store, $1 00; white winter red and amber western $1 04@1 07. Rye, very dull; nominal. Barley unchanged. Corn heavy; new western mixed, asked, 73@73½c; yellow western 72½@73½c. Oats lower; western and Ohio, in store and afloat, 51½@54½c. Eggs more active and firmer at 22@25c. Hay and hops unchanged. Coffee dull; Rio 19½@21½c. Sugar dull; fair to good refining 9¾@9¾c; Cuba 9¾@10c; Molasses dull; New Orleans 80@85c; Rice dull and nominal. Crude petroleum 13½@13½c; refined 22c. Turpentine steady at 84½@86c. Pork steady; new mess $14 00@14 25; old $13 37½; prime $12 00; new prime mess $14 00; mess, June and July, $14 50. Beef quiet; mess $9@11; extra $11@13; hams scarce and firm at 12@13c; prime nominal. Dressed hogs steady at $6 87. Cut meats steady; shoulders 5¾@6c; hams 8¾@9c; middles quiet. Lard steady; No 1 for prime 9¾@9¾c; kettle 9¾c. Butter quiet at 24@25c. Cheese dull at 13@17c.

New York Cattle Market.

NEW YORK, February 19.—Beeves—Total receipts 7,200; lack of cars to bring stock kept several hundred back; arrivals to-day large on account of new road, 81 at Hundredth street and 42 at Weehawken, making 4,400. The market opened fair, with a few premium 9 cwt grades at 13¾c; choice cattle scarce and quite as high as last week; fair to good cattle ruled dull at the lower figure for the first hour, declining before night; ordinary at 10@13c, were 9c off at the close, and some left; the market at night ranged at 11¾@12c. Sales 8 cars Illinois 1,225 lbs at 11¾c; 57 lbs @ cwt; 5 cars extra Ohio 12¾@13c; a lot of 6 cwt Missouri steers, etc. Only 1 car of Texans for sale.

Sheep—Total receipts, 20,500, with 12,000 to-day; market overstocked and 3@5c per head lower, or still a poor ordinary to fair demand and 6c for good to extra. Sales 1 car 150 lbs Canada at 9¼c; three cars State 92 lbs at same price; one lot 110 lbs at 9½c; 1 car 88 lbs at 6¾c. The market closed bad.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,400 live and 2,900 dressed for the week since Monday; market 50c per cwt lower; dressed sell at 6¾@6¾c for heavy, and 6¾c for light, with 7¼@7½c as the price of Western dressed; market weak.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, February 19.—The dry goods market is rather quiet, yet prices keep advancing. Heavy brown sheetings have taken another jump: Atlantic A, 16½c; Augusta, yard wide, to 18½c; do A 4 to 10¼c; Augusta, wide, 20½c; Boott C, 16½c; Indian Head R to 14½c, and O do to 15¾c, being a general advance on all the above makes of ¼c @ ½rd.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19.—Flour firm. Wheat firm at $1 55@1 60 for No 2 red; $1 64@1 65 for amber and ohio; $1 75@1 75. Wheat held firmly; State and western red $1 58@1 60; amber $1 65. Rye firm at 80c. Corn—demand limited; prices nominally unchanged. Oats firm at 56c. Provisions unchanged. Crude petroleum 16c; refined 21½c. Whisky dull at 92c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, February 19.—Flour firm. Wheat firm and 2c higher; No 1 white Michigan $1 64; seal do; No 2 red $1 52@1 51; No 3 red $1 48. Corn a shade better; high mixed 47½c; low mixed 47c; yellow 47½c; Michigan 47½c; white 47½c; No 2 mixed 46½c. Oats quiet; No 2 40½c. Cloverseed steady at $5 70. Dressed hogs unchanged.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, February 19.—Bagging very firm at 18¾@16¾c. Cotton firmer and higher; middlings 22½c. Flour firm and active; supply not up to the demand; extra family $6 75. Grain quiet and firm; No 2 white, $1 60@1 75; corn, shelled, 60 cats 56c; rye 90@92c. Provisions firm and unchanged. Whisky quiet at 88c.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, February 19.—Flour firm. Wheat strong; No 1 red winter held at $1 58; No 2 $1 50, closing with holders asking an advance. Corn quiet at 52½c. Oats firmer at 42@43c. Provisions unchanged.

Milwaukie Market.

MILWAUKEE, February 19.—Flour dull. Wheat steady; No 1 $1 57¾; No 2 $1 45¾. Oats steady; No 2 52½c. Corn dull; No 2 mixed 49½c. Rye firm; No 1 74½c. Barley firm; No 2 spring 69@70c. Hogs quiet and unchanged at $4 20@4 25. Mess Pork firm at $12 25.

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ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, MONDAY, February 19, 1872.

Cattle.

The arrivals of cattle by the various railroads centering at the Union Yards were 36 cars or about 648 head. In addition to these, Sadler, Havens & Co. drove from East Liberty some 30 odd head, and Holmes, Lafferty & Co. 73, which, with a few scattering lots from the surrounding country, made fully 800 head on sale this morning. The quality of the cattle, taking the lots all through, was the best here for some time. There have been some better stock on sale other weeks, but the drovers all remarked that the offerings were principally good and very even with no bad tail ends. The market opened up very slow, and at eight o'clock, at which time there is generally a good many sold, we think we can safely say that not 50 head of cattle had changed hands. The trade ruled slow throughout the day, butchers holding back and claiming that Lent would effect their markets greatly. Judging from the way they talked of Lent hurting their markets one would think that very little meat would be eaten by this community for some time, a thing known to the contrary. By holding back and bearing hard on the sellers the market, as above stated, ruled slow, as all the cattle offered were bought high this week, and dealers parted with them at the prices very reluctantly. A few sold as high as $7 75 per hundred lbs., but they were four to five year old steers, good blood and well fattened, almost what could be called show cattle. On the whole the market was, to use the expression of drovers, tough, with prices a shade lower than last week. At eleven o'clock there were still a good many unsold, which left a load or two not put on sale were sold to East Liberty.

Stockers.

The number of stock cattle on sale this morning was exceedingly small. There were a few on sale yesterday of last week on hand, but most of them had to go home without making any purchases. Trade in this kind of stock continues limited, drovers all claiming that there is no money in it. Good straight stockers sell slow at prices from $4 50 to $5 75 @ 100 lbs.

Prices.

Following are the prices at which the different grades of stock sold: Extra 1,300 to 1,400 steers, fat and smooth, $6 50 to $7; prime 1,200 lb steers, from 1,200 to 1,250 lbs; medium 1,000 lb steers, $5 50 to $5 75; common butchers' steers, $4 75 to $5; bulls, $3 to $4 50; cows, heifers, &c., $3 to $4 50. Stockers, $4 50 to $4 75.

Arrivals.

The following are the receipts at the Allegheny yards for the week ending to-day, as reported by Mr. S. B. McKown, Cashier Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad:

	Cars.
J. Needy, from Newark, Ohio	2
Rothchild & Zeigler from Xenia, O	2
C. F. Lahin from, Canton, O	1
J. E. Winger, from Orrville, O	1
Sadler, Havens & Co. from Orrville, O	1
N. C. Holian, from Newark, O	1
W. C. Mulholland, from Newark, O	1
Marks & Bro., from Crestline, O	4
J. W. Fatnagan, from Oakland, Ind	1
J. Shamberg, from Chicago	2
N. Varner from Chicago	2
Greenwald & K., from Chicago	3
Rothchild & R., from Chicago	4
Marks & Bro., from Chicago	1
S. Lowenstein, from Chicago	2
S. Kahne, from Chicago	1
W. L. Frater, from Chicago	1
G. B. Richards & Co., from Chicago, mixed stock	1
Total	36

Cattle Sales.

James Hunter sold on commission 18 head common to medium Ohio stock at prices running from $4 50@6 20 @ 100 lbs.

Rothchild & Zeigler retailed 51 head Chicago cattle at figures from $5 @ $5 75.

Jacob Shamberg sold 17 head Chicago cattle at prices from $6 @ $6 75 @ 100 lbs.

Keefer & Beer sold 18 head Chicago stock, from $5 50 to $6 75 @ 100 lbs; also, 18 Ohio cattle, from $5 50 to $6 75.

Greenwald & Kahn sold 65 head Chicago and Indiana cattle at prices ranging from $5 00 to $7 00.

Simon Marks & Bro sold 65 head Chicago and Ohio cattle at figures from $5 50 to $7 00 @ hundred lbs.

S. Lowenstein sold 38 head Ohio cattle at prices from $5 25 @ 6 75.

Haywood & Blackstock sold 17 Ohio cattle at prices running from $6 00 to $7 50.

C. Trueman retailed 31 head Ohio cattle from $5 75 to $7 50.

S. Shamberg sold 20 head Ohio cattle at figures from $4 @ $6 @ hundred.

Carr & McCallister sold 30 head Ohio cattle at figures $5 50 to $7 75.

Sheep.

The number of sheep on sale this morning was a little larger than last week, running pretty close to 400 head. The offerings consisted of both common and good. The market opened up a little slow, though after it fairly commenced it continued active until the close. Dealers report trade fair and prices pretty good on the best grades of stock. Following are sales reported:

Schedmantel & Fitmer sold 34 head Butler county sheep at prices ranging from $3 00 to $7 00 @ 100 lbs.

Neely & Fairley sold 80 head Armstrong county sheep at prices running from $3 00 to $7 00 @ 100 lbs.

J. W. Sloan retailed 90 head of Lawrence county, Pa., sheep at prices from $5 75 to $7 50 @ 100 lbs.

Hogs.

The number of hogs on sale this morning, although small, was much larger than last week. The market was slow, butchers being unwilling to pay the advance asked by sellers. Lately good hogs have advanced considerably, and dealers have some difficulty in getting a supply for the trade. Following are sales as reported:

Jacob Rothschild sold 200 head at prices from $6 25 to $6 @ 100 lbs.

G. Dennis & Co. sold 250 head at figures from $5 to $5 75.

C. D. Anderson sold 19 head of Ohio hogs at $5 50 @ 100 lbs.

F. Rector retailed 150 head western stock at prices from $5 to 5 50.

Sadler, Havens & Co. sold 25 head Ohio hogs at $5 25 @ 100 lbs.

Jacob Needy sold 50 head Ohio hogs at $5 50 @ 100 lbs.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, February 20, 1872.

REMARKS.—The market yesterday was demoralized—prices weak and uncertain. The news from the oil regions was more favorable to buyers than sellers, and there were made at a decline from Saturday's figures. We quote nominally as follows:

CRUDE.

The raw material was offered yesterday, for the various deliveries: Spot 16c; February 16c; S & O 15½c; July 15c; B O till July 11¼@13c; B O all year 12a 12¾c. For prices in the oil regions see dispatches.

REFINED.

The market was quiet. Nothing of importance was transacted: Spot 21¾c; February 21¾c; March 22c; April 22c; May and June 24@24½c for oil delivered in the East.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

TITUSVILLE, February 19.—The *Courier* says: The market continues inactive and a shade weaker. Following are the

SALES:

2,000 bbls upper road, seller March	$3 65
2,000 bbls upper road, spot	3 65
2,000 bbls upper road, sellers March	3 62½
500 bbls upper road, spot	3 62½
500 bbls upper road, spot	3 60
1,000 bbls lower road, spot	3 32½
500 bbls lower road, spot	3 25
1,000 bbls lower road, 46 gravity	3 50
1,000 bbls do do	3 50

The market remains very quiet, with prices unsettled and nominal; crude in bulk 13½c; refined 22c. Philadelphia weak. We quote refined 21½@21¾c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, February 19.—Market quiet and unchanged at $4 00@4 05.

PETROLEUM, February 19.—Market quiet and dull at $3 50@3 60.

OIL CITY, February 19.—Market unsettled and weak; ordinary on lower road held at $3 70; 47 gravity at Oil City $3 97½.

TITUSVILLE, February 19.—$3 60 bid, $3 70 asked, for spot; futures unchanged and nothing doing.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19.—Market dull; nothing doing in crude; refined 21½c; crude 13½c; February 21½@21¾c; March 22¼@22½c.

[By Pacific and Atlantic Line.]

NEW YORK, February 19.—Refined 22c. Crude 13½c. Market quiet and steady.

PITTSVILLE, February 19.—Market quiet and dull at $3 50 bid, $3 62½ asked.

OIL CITY, February 19.—Market dull at $3 60@4 05.

PETROLEUM CENTER, February 19.—Market quiet and dull; quiet spot held at $3 75@3 75. No sales.

PHILADELPHIA, February 19.—February 21¾@21¾c; March 22c; April 22c; crude 13½c.

ROUSEVILLE, February 19.—Market dull and quiet at $3 62½@3 70.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Barrels.
J Bushnell	National Oil Works	228
Wm Stewart	Riverside Oil Works	80
S Duncan	Riverside Oil Works	240
Pitts and B Co	Cochran Yards	234
S K Barbour	Shanaghnessy Oil Works	80
J K Barbour	Eagle Oil Works	456
F P Miller	Eagle Oil Works	154
S Duncan	Shanaghnessy Oil Works	79
B S Duncan	Cochran Yards	160
J Bushnell	Brilliant Oil Works	74
J Bushnell	Crystal Oil Works	294
J Bushnell	National Oil Works	254
D McKelvey	Verda Oil Works	122
Wm Stewart	Sunbeam Oil Works	80

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

	Bbls.		Bbls.
National Oil Works	81	Riverside Oil Works	320
Cochran Yards	294	Eagle Oil Works	610
Brilliant Oil Works	24	Crystal Oil Works	294
Sunbeam Oil Works	80	Verda Oil Works	122
Standard Oil Works	879		

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WEST PENN JUNCTION, February 17, 1872.

H W C Tweedie, 130 bbls to N Y C and H R R Co, New York	130
Total	130

Refined Oil Shipped East by W. P. R. R.

Holdship & Co, 114 barrels to Waring, King & Co, Philadelphia.

Total	114

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, MONDAY, February 19, 1872.

REMARKS.—The market opens upon a trade uniform in almost every particular, the changes and quotations of last week being too slight to merit special mention. No advance in flour has yet been realized. Dealers are holding stocks firmly at outside rates, but seem shy of venturing upon another advance, so soon following in the wake of the last. The near approach of the resumption of navigation may have a salutary effect, and check the advance in prices. Stocks are ample to meet all the demands of the local trade, with some to spare for shipment. Wheat continues in light receipt and prices firm, though not higher. In the lines of groceries and bacon and provisions we are reported a moderately fair trade demand at unchanged prices. The supply of butter, though larger, has scarcely brought forward enough prime to meet the demand. Eggs continue scarce and rule high. We omit our usual extended quotations.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—Cotton firm; middling 22¾c. Flour firm; family $7 25@7 40. Wheat advanced to $1 58@1 60. Corn firm at 47c. Oats steady at 42@43c. Barley at nominal. Sugar firm; New Orleans 8½c. Linseed oil 87@90c. Eggs lower at 22@25c. Butter firm at 29@32c. Cheese steady at 13@15½c. Clover seed dull and drooping at $7 50@9 75. Mess pork firm; sales at $13 25. Lard firm at 9@9¼c. Bulk meats steady for sides; sales sides, clear rib, at 6¼c; sides, clear, held at 6¼c; shoulders dull at 5c. Bacon firm; sides 7¾@8¼c. Hogs firm at $4 60@5; receipts 800 head. Whisky declined 90@96c.

COTTON MARKETS.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 19.—Cotton—demand light but firm at 22½c.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 19.—Cotton firm; low middling 21½c.

OCEAN STEAMERS.

Date of Departure from New York.

1872.

Russia	Feb. 21	Liverpool.
Idaho	Feb. 21	Liverpool.
W. Lamont	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
City of London	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
Queen	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
Atlantic	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
Alpena	Feb. 28	Liverpool.
Colorado	Feb. 29	Liverpool.
Baltic	Mar. 2	Liverpool.
Egypt	Mar. 2	Liverpool.
Siberia	Mar. 6	Liverpool.
Wisconsin	Mar. 7	Liverpool.
Washington	Mar. 9	Liverpool.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

GREENSBORO, February 19, 1872.

River stationary, with six feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 35 at 5 P. M.

G.

Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., February 19, 1872.

River stationary, with about seven feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 33 at 6 P. M.

C.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., February 19, 1872.

River seven feet ten inches and falling slowly. The Express left for Parkersburg at 11 A. M. The Argosy was towed to the wharf at noon, and leaves for Pittsburgh Tuesday morning. Weather cloudy and thawing.

M.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—River falling, with twenty feet in the channel; ice floating; navigation fully resumed. The hull of the Annie Laurie, receiving freight from the sunken Nashville, went down early this morning.

Cairo.

CAIRO, February 19.—Arrived—Liberty No. 4, from Pittsburgh, 4 P. M.; Atlantic and Grand Tower, 5 P. M. No departures. The river has risen twelve inches. Clear and pleasant; thermometer 46.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 19.—River about stationary to-night, but it has risen at Alton's, above. The gorge at Bounsville on the Missouri broke to-day and the river is rising there. The towboat Fisher and tug Creveling started for Carondelet, where there is about a mile of open water, this afternoon, and at dusk the Fisher had plowed through the ice to a point below the bend, with apparently good prospects of getting through. If she reaches Carondelet she will probably push on and meet the Petrel coming up. There are some thirty steamers, about fifty barges, a dozen ferry tugs and tow boats and nine large wharfboats lying between bridge piers and the arsenal.

For Latest River Dispatches See Outside.

RIVER NEWS.

THE marks last evening indicated five feet, ten inches and falling slowly. The weather continues warm. Navigation remains suspended. Boat owners are anxiously waiting to hear from the lower ports.

THE wharf is crowded with towboats from Market street to Point.

THE shore ice between this city and Cincinnati is reported very heavy.

THE tow-boat Coal Hill left yesterday to bring up her fleet of empty boats.

THE Carrie Brooks, Captain Darlington, is due today from Parkersburg.

THE tow-boat Hercules left yesterday to assist the J. Sharp McDonald on her way up.

THE steamer Sabine, sunk by the Richmond, cost $26,000 and was on her second trip.

Arrival of additional tow-boats since our last Diamond, Eagle, John Penny, Arrow and others.

CAPT. R. R. PROBAN of the James Howard, was the recipient of a handsome diamond ring from the duke.

THE Exporter, Captain Williams, will soon be ready for business. She will be the wonder of the Arkansaw.

THE new towboats, Smoky City and Iron Mountain, are in a forward state, and will soon be ready for business.

CAPTAIN C. A. DRAVO left for Cincinnati yesterday. The St. Charles will point her bow towards this city this afternoon.

A good sized fleet of tow-boats were employed yesterday in breaking the ice in the pools. We hope to be able to announce the resumption of navigation in our next.

THE New Albany *Ledger* says: "Captain Ed. F. Shields, formerly of this city, died in New Orleans on the 10th inst. His remains were taken to Mobile for interment.

IN TOWN.—Our old friend Capt. Joseph H. Dunlap having been returned from a southern trip, is on the enjoyment of excellent health. Long may it continue.

CAPT. GEORGE NEAD arrived home yesterday from Cincinnati. He has made an arrangement with parties in Cincinnati to raise the Bellevernon if possible, if not she will be wrecked.

"ARNOLD" was the name of the individual who turned traitor to his country. The man that turned traitor at Washington the other day on the steamboat tinch was decidedly a mean man.

"PRETTY GOOD."—One of our insurance officers received a dispatch the other day from the Captain of a steamboat that was in difficulty, as follows: "We have raised the steamer ——— but she won't float."

THE following boats are receiving and will take their departure as soon as the ice will permit: Ben Franklin, Granite State; for Louisville, Arlington; for Nashville, Messenger; for St. Louis, Wild Duck and barges and Rover and barges.

THE Cincinnati *Times and Chronicle* says: The R. R. Hudson was left on the bank by the receding water, and it is supposed she will remain there. Her properties are no longer of any use to the Cincinnati Coal and Towing Company's wharf boat was left out on the bank, and work was started to convert her into a boat to help her off. The United States Mail Line Company's wharf boat Hillman, 91 by 34 by 5.6, which is left in the river the United States was working to get it off.

CINCINNATI.—The *Gazette* says the proper papers were executed at the Custom House yesterday, for the new steamer Jerry Osborn, built at Catlettsburg by the Messrs. Flannery, in connection with which she will run from Catlettsburg to the head of navigation on Big Sandy. She measures thirty-eight feet keel, forty feet beam, seven feet breadth, fourteen and one-half feet depth, two feet. She has a locomotive boiler ten feet long and seventy-two inches in diameter, and is allowed to carry 130 pounds of steam.

THE following appeared in the New Orleans *National Republican* of February 2: "Through a river column, in my behalf, I would be pleased if you would ask Mr. John Phelps, President of the New Orleans and Barge Company, when and where they will hold their next meeting. As I was out of order at the meeting held on the

THE VERY LATEST.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

Interesting Proceedings in Parliament.

LONDON, February 19.—In the House of Commons to-day, Disraeli, while avowing his unwillingness to touch the question of the Alabama claims just now, wished to be informed when the British Government received the American case. He had been under the impression that the case had come to hand about the first of February, but he had since been given to understand that the Government had it before then as early as the middle of December. Mr. Gladstone replied that it would be inconvenient for the Government to answer the inquiry or communicate any information on the subject at present.

The Committee on Thanksgiving Services, on the 27th inst., made a report, recommending that the Speaker of the House take part in the Royal procession, and that the members in a body attend the ceremonies in the Cathedral. The recommendation was agreed to.

The resolve censuring the government for the appointment of Sir Robert Collier to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, was moved this evening by Richard Cross, Conservative member for Lancashire, who supported it in a lengthy speech. Sir Roundell Palmer offered a substitute, declaring that "there was nothing in the appointment of Sir Robert Collier deserving the censure of the House." At nine o'clock P. M. the debate was still going on.

Speech of Sir Charles Dilke.

LONDON, February 19.—Sir Charles Dilke addressed his constituents in Chelsea this evening; the meeting was crowded. At the outset it was slightly disorderly. Ample precautions, however, had been taken against trouble. The platform was raised so high that it could not be scaled, the seats were nailed to the floor, and the police were on hand in force. The disorder soon subsided, and the organization of the meeting was completed. Sir Charles Dilke then delivered a long and powerful speech. He protested against the effort to suppress the free discussion of the monarchial principle. He had attacked the monarchy because of the evils it had engendered. Never did the rich less understand the wants of the poor, and should they continue to ignore them, grave results would follow. He warned his opponents to beware, or they might punish the people too far. Alluding to the relations of England and the United States, he attributed the existing state of ill feeling to the ignorance which prevailed in aristocratic circles of American institutions. At the beginning and close of his address the orator received an ovation of cheers.

Sir Henry Hoare, colleague of Sir Charles Dilke in Parliament, spoke in defense of the crown. He was frequently interrupted by the audience, but no violence was attempted either by the Liberals or Conservatives.

The Manifesto of the French Monarchists.

ANTWERP, February 19.—The manifesto of the monarchists in the French Assembly was brought here to-day by Count Monte, and presented to Count De Chambord. Many French detectives are in the city.

Miscellaneous Dispatches.

LONDON, February 19.—It is reported that Bischoffsheim, who has charge of the projected cable to New York, has refused overtures from the Anglo-American Company looking to the amalgamation of the new enterprise with the present cable combination, on the ground that such action would lead ot the continuance of the present exorbitant cable tariffs, and that this would be to defeat one of the ends for which subscriptions of stock were made.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 19, 1872.

SENATE.

As the rent of the Gold Exchange Rooms will be raised May 1st to $20,000, the Board will probably remove to the old open Board Rooms, 16 Broad street.

Comptroller Green paid salaries, &c., amounting to $475,000 to-day. He has arranged for the payment of the Fire Department for January.

James T. Brady, a Postoffice clerk, has been held to bail in $5,000 for embezzling packages.

James Dobson was killed and two other workmen severely injured by falling through a hatchway of the Washington Idaho to-day.

William Wood, one of the editors of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, contrary to previous statements, is recovering from his alarming illness.

In response to the suggestion of Archbishop McCloskey, several Catholic gentlemen are trying to induce the representatives of the Irish societies not to parade on the approaching anniversary of St. Patrick.

Reginald Dawson, the eminent tragedian, died near Dresden, February 28, aged fifty-four.

Judge Barnard denounces as a lie the story that he had $100,000 in bank, and says the only money he ever had in bank was his salary as Judge.

The committee charged with the investigation of the alleged abuses in the New York Judiciary organized to-day, and transacted the following business: Counsel for the Bar Association appeared with certain charges against Judges Barnard and Cardoza. The Judiciary Committee decided that said charges were not specific. They were, therefore, returned to the counsel of the Bar Association, with orders to make the accusations sufficiently specific. Charges were also presented against Judge McCunn. They were returned with directions to have them sworn and verified, and presented again to-morrow.

This evening a young Scotchman named Cornelius Caseen, barkeeper in a liquor store at 281 Front street, was mortally stabbed by an unknown ruffian from behind to eject from the place. The murderer escaped.

Jem Mace called at the *Clipper* office to-day, and announced his readiness to meet O'Baldwin anywhere within a thousand miles of New York, for $5,000 a side, but declines to go to New Orleans.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, February 19, 1872.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR.

Seth Johnson, formerly a clerk in the Treasury Department, was to-day sentenced to pay a fine of $40,000 and be imprisoned one year, for the embezzlement of Government funds. He plead guilty.

CONFIRMED.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of Charles Hale, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State.

NOMINATION.

The President has nominated to the Senate, David C. Cox to be pension agent at Washington, D. C.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, February 19, 1872, 7 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will probably fall on Tuesday throughout the Mississippi Valley, with increasing southerly winds and threatening weather; the lowest pressure moving eastward towards Illinois; the highest barometer will remain over the Middle and Eastern States, with partially cloudy and pleasant weather; the low barometer in Florida will move northeast, keeping some distance off the South Atlantic coast, with increasing northeast winds; easterly winds veering to the southwest, with pleasant weather, prevail on the Western Gulf coast. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for Monday night except, possibly, in Wisconsin and Lake Superior.

POLITICAL.

South Carolina Republican Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 19.—The Republican State Convention met to-day. F. J. Moses, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was elected Temporary Chairman. It is said that the party at home were unfaithful men in the National Council were unfaithful to their trusts. The delegates must tell President Grant that he listens to the voice of a certain Senator from this State. Two tickets for delegates are in the field. A printed letter from Attorney General Chamberlain, demanding the renomination of President Grant, was circulated in the Convention.

Ohio River Improvement Convention.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—The Ohio River Improvement Convention met here to-morrow at ten o'clock. About one hundred delegates have arrived, and many more are confidently expected. Important transactions are looked forward to with great interest.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Boston Board of Trade yesterday adopted resolutions favoring Senator Sumner's scheme for the gradual withdrawal of greenbacks and the substitution of compound interest notes, payable at maturity in coin or bonds, at the option of the government.

The employees of the American Merchants' Union Express Company met in Utica, N. Y., yesterday, and organized a mutual benefit association.

The coal famine in Memphis has compelled all the courts to close.

The steamer Atlantic, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday.

The Republicans of St. Louis last evening elected one hundred and twelve delegates to the State Convention to be held at Jefferson City on the 25th. The meetings were well attended and the proceedings harmonious.

The barn of William Freeman, in the town of Borrington, Cook county, Ill., together with nineteen head of cattle, six horses and a large stock of farming utensils, was burned on Saturday night. The fire had its origin in the explosion of a lantern.

An Irishman named Murphy killed a German named Cranitz, at Horse Bluff, Wisconsin, on Sunday. Murphy was drunk, and mistook Cranitz for a man with whom he had had a difficulty. All the liquor saloons in the town were demolished by the murdered man's friends. There are threats of lynching Murphy.

A man giving the name of T. A. Millard was arrested in Louisville for passing a number of bogus checks.

Henry Dorsey, aged sixteen, accidentally shot and killed himself near Memphis on Sunday.

THAT SECRET TREATY.

The Existence of a Secret Treaty Between England and Canada Again Asserted.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 19.—The *Chronicle*, in reply to an editorial in the Toronto *Globe* ridiculing the story of the secret treaty, reasserts its authenticity, and says it is credibly informed that it was signed after the conclusion of the Washington negotiations by Lord De Grey for the British government and by John Gray for the British Premier of Canada, on the part of the Governor General. The chief part of the agreement mutually agreed on between the two governments some years previously, so far as Great Britain was concerned, it had then been definitely settled as the basis of their future colonial policy. When Lord De Gray long since published his draft of the treaty, it was not deemed advisable to reduce the understanding to the shape of a formal compact until an apparently satisfactory conclusion of the Alabama difficulty by the Washington treaty had, as was thought, finally relieved England from the danger of further entanglements on this continent.

The *Chronicle* says that only Lord Lisgar, Sir John A. McDonald and Sir Geo. E. Charlton are cognizant of the treaty, and mentions some circumstances which indicate the fact of its existence.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Nebraska.

OMAHA, February 19.—For the purpose of testing the legality of the present special session of the Legislature, Senator Tenant was to-day arrested by the Sergeant-at-Arms for attempting to leave the capital. Tenant obtained from the Supreme Court a writ of *habeas corpus*, and his counsel asked leave to file an answer. Thereupon Governor James, by his attorneys, asked leave to appear and file a separate answer, alleging that the answer of Mr. Tenant did not fairly present the facts also, that there was collusion between Tenant and the Legislature. The case was continued until 10 A. M. to-morrow, when there will be a full bench. There was no quorum in the House to-day.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., February 19.—The Senate spent all the afternoon in filibustering on motions made to correct the Senate Journal of last Friday, which declares Saylor elected Senator for the Third District. After the afternoon was mostly spent, according to programme Gage, Republican, voted with the Democrats for adjournment, which leaves the whole subject *in statu quo*.

Consolidation.

MEMPHIS, February 19.—The officers of the Memphis and Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroads are in consultation at the Peabody Hotel for a consolidation of these roads. They have agreed upon all the material points of consolidation.

NATIONAL POLITICS.

An authoritative contradiction is given to the report that the Cincinnati Convention had been postponed until after the Republican Convention of Philadelphia. It will meet on the 6th of May, as originally settled.

Ex-Governor "Hangman" Foote, of Tennessee, doesn't consider the prospects of the Democratic party to be of the most roseate character. In a lately published letter he says it is "shattered and demoralized to an extent truly sorrowful to behold; discredited in the estimation of thousands by the part which it took in that most deplorable conflict; suspected by large numbers in every part of the republic of having felt an undue respect and sympathy toward the dangerous dogma of secession and its upholders, and fearfully enfeebled of late by the revelation of deep-seated corruption in its own vitals." This is a pretty accurate diagnosis of the case, we suspect, the only fault in which is that the physician was brought up in the same school with the patient, and knows all its symptoms of health and sickness like a book.

The Hartford *Courant*, edited by ex-Governor Joe Hawley, discussing the petitions sent to Washington for the reform of the civil service and the abuses growing out of existing systems, says:

"The prosperity of the Republican party depends upon the serious and practical heed given to these suggestions. We cannot go one step further and say, that those delegates should go with positive instructions from their constituency, so that they would be regarded as chaff in the wind, and be blown about by the contending elements, or bought with gin shop in the shambles, to further the interests of wily politicians."

The Mobile *Register* once more proclaims that the Democratic party is not dead, and says: "When you tell us you must keep your Southern rebels out of the National Democratic Convention, because the odor of your treason will damage the prospects of the cause, we answer, our friends from Maine to California must not be insulted by an attempt to imitate the cowardly Jacobin example of disfranchisement, excommunication and protracted disunion."

The Washington correspondent of the Boston *Traveller* states that he has the best authority for saying that not even to revive what good there is left in Democracy, would Senator Sumner lend his name to carry the election for a party to which he has had a lifelong antipathy.

STATE POLITICS.

The Democratic State Central Committee met at Bolton's hotel, in Harrisburg, Thursday evening and decided to hold the State Convention at Reading on the 30th of May.

The Dauphin county Democracy will elect delegates to their State Convention next Saturday.

A county convention of prohibitionists will be held in Erie on the 12th of March, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the party in that county.

The *Delaware County Republican* says: "Mr. Yeakel, of Montgomery, has been named by the Republicans of that county as the successor to Mr. Evans. He was the only, and the only opponent Mr. Evans had before the conferees. It is not likely, however, that Chester county will relinquish her claim to the Senatorship at present."

The Harrisburg *Patriot* claims that George A. Smith, Esq., was elected on Tuesday last to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives from the Bedford and Fulton district, occasioned by the death of J. W. Dickerson, Esq. Mr. Smith was the Democratic nominee.

Wm. Hartley, Esq., has been chosen representative delegate from Bedford county to the Democratic State Convention.

The Harrisburg *State Journal* has this to say in reference to the election of delegates to the State Convention: "The *Tribune and Herald*, of Westmoreland county, and several other Republican papers in the State, complain of the tardiness of county committees to meet and select delegates to the State Convention, when such committees have the authority to make the appointments. No doubt the complaint is well founded; and there is also no question that a committee should have no larger discretionary power conferred upon them. All representatives should be directly selected by the people, because when they are not thus named, they fail, in nine cases out of ten, to represent and express popular preference and opinion."

The Mechanicsburg *Journal* takes exceptions to the action of the Republican State Central Committee in regard to the appointment of delegates to the National Convention. It says: "We insist upon it, that the delegates must come fresh from the people, and we go one step further and say, that those delegates should go with positive instructions from their constituency, so that they would be regarded as chaff in the wind, and be blown about by the contending elements, or bought with gin shop in the shambles, to further the interests of wily politicians."

J. C. Johnson, Esq., of Emporium, is the Legislative delegate from the Sixteenth District.

Cameron and McKean counties instruct their delegates for Hon. H. W. Williams for Supreme Court Judge.

A correspondent of the Chambersburg *Repository* urges the nomination of John Stewart, Esq., of that place, as the next Republican candidate for Congress.

On the matter of appointment of delegates to the National Convention the Brookville *Republican* says: "It, perhaps, might have been as well for the party to have designated delegates for this responsible and honorable position that turmoil and ill-feeling should prevail, but we cannot see wherein the difference lies. Pennsylvanians are for Grant, first and last, and is but a small affair to the people who shall have the pleasure of completing the nomination already made by the people."

The Erie *Gazette* advocates the holding of a County Convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State and National Conventions. It remarks: "A Convention could certainly do no harm, and would bring the people together earlier than usual, thereby creating a healthier interest in the great political contest just opening. No unfairness could possibly be charged to a Convention, while as much cannot be said of any entire committee. There is undoubtedly a disposition among the people to have a Convention.

At the meeting of St. Clair borough Council last evening, a resolution was adopted that a board-walk be constructed on a certain street. Mr. Baldauf reported that the contractor had completed that part of the paving of Pius street between coal road and O'Yard's alley, and moved that that part of the contract be taken off his hands. The motion prevailed when Council adjourned.

JOHN HANLON was the loser last night of a suit of clothes valued at forty dollars. He boarded with a namesake named Mrs. Haulon on Mulberry alley. Mr. H. is of opinion that a fellow boarder captured the clothing.

CITY MATTERS.

Letters Held for Postage February 19, 1872.

	Cents.
Angello, Brother, Loretta, Pa.	2
Bese, Emma T., Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Bell, William, Oblin, Ohio.	2
Beid, John, Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Brainard, D. C., Mount Lebanon, N. Y.	3
Bromp, Rachael, Baltimore, Md.	3
Buck, John, Carrolton, Pa.	3
Conry, John, Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Cornelius, M. E. D., Oakdale Station, Pa.	1
Dausey, Miss, Allegheny City, Pa.	3
Dunlap, W. B., Rochester, Pa.	3
Gairignes, Mina H., Salem, Ohio.	3
Greene, H. F. New York, N. Y.	3
Heath, J. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Herbertson & Co., Brownsville, Pa.	3
Hill, Susan, New Florence, Pa.	1
Hollander, A. L., Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Hughes, Thomas, White Ash, Pa.	3
Jacoby, L. Mrs., Philadelphia, Pa.	3
Jones, M., Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Jones, Miss Annie, Wellsburg, W. Va.	3
Johnston, Henry, Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Johnston, Mrs. Hettie, Harrisburg, Pa.	3
Levy, M., New York, N. Y.	3
Liberman, P. & Bro., New York, N. Y.	3
Locker, G. Mrs., Harmer, Ohio.	3
Marshall & Tounsley, Coudersville, Ohio.	3
Metzger, John, Allegheny City, Pa.	3
Morris, Mrs. Rachel, Scandale, N. J.	1
McBride, Thomas, New Castle, Pa.	3
Osborne, John M., Pittsburgh, Pa.	2
Palmer, John, Palmersville, Pa.	1
Ray, S. & S. W., Blairville, Pa.	3
Reese, John, Allegheny City, Pa.	3
Sawyer, Jacob, Brownsville, Pa.	3
Slaughter, Mary, Charleston, Ohio.	3
Smith, House & Co., Troy, N. Y.	3
Spire, B. W., Nashville, Tenn.	3
True, M. J., Lower Salem, Ohio.	3
Vaughan, Sarah Mrs., Brady's Bend, Pa.	1
Vaneleve, Mrs. Leetsdale, Pa.	1
Wadsworth, Eddie Miss, Elimboro, Pa.	3
Wm. Kate Mrs. Philadelphia, Pa.	3
Welsh, Hugh, Girty's Run, Pa.	1
Wilson, S. P., Burgettstown, Pa.	3
Yenter, Z., Huntingdon, Pa.	3

JOHN H. STEWART, P. M.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Observations Made by the Storm Signal Service of the United States Army.

MONDAY, February 19, 11:28 P. M.

PLACE OF OBSERVATION.	Height of barom.	Change in 24 hrs.	Thermometer.	Change in 24 hrs.	Direction of wind.	Velocity.	Character of weather.	Weather.
Buffalo, N. Y.	30.07	03	28	81	—	0	C	A
Cairo	30.07	01	43	5	S. E.	5	R	B
Chicago, Ill.	30.09	04	32	3	S.	11	Sn	A
Cincinnati, O.	30.19	06	39	3	—	0	C	A
Cleveland, O.	30.13		36	14	S. W.	4	C	B
Davenport, Iowa	30.00	01	25	2	S. E.	5	C	B
Detroit, Mich.	30.11	05	32	4	S. E.	3	C	B
Louisville, Ky.	30.11	05	39	2	S. E.	4	C	B
Memphis, Tenn.	30.13	01	51	1	S. E.	4	C	B
Nashville, Tenn.	30.13	04	47	2	S. E.	3	C	B
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30.02	05	30	5	S. E.	6	R	A
Pittsburgh, Pa.	29.93	07	30	4	S. E.	4	Sn	A
St. Louis, Mo.	29.96	05	37	1	S. E.	4	C	B
St. Paul, Minn.	30.11		18	3	S. E.	3	C	B
Vicksburg	30.08	02	53	1	E.	6	R	C

Character of the winds to save space is indicated by the letters in the alphabet, as follows: A, calm; B, gentle; C, fresh or brisk; D, very brisk; E, high wind; F, very high wind; G, strong gale; H, violent gale; I, hurricane; J, most violent hurricane.

State of the weather, in the same way, is indicated by numerals, as follows: 1, clear; 2, fair; 3, cloudy; 4, light rain; 5, heavy rain; 6, snow.

Reports received over the wires of the Western Union, Northwestern and International Ocean Telegraph Companies.

In the columns noting changes in the barometer and thermometer the minus sign only is used.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

The first case taken up was that of W. H. Devore vs. Jacob Wyan, in assumpsit, on an account which defendant claimed should have been charged to her executors. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $150 20.

The case on the pleas of Hoffman & Hale vs. John Koehler et al. Action in replevin to determine the ownership of a piano, which plaintiff claimed had been obtained on lease. The defendants claimed that an absolute sale had been effected. Verdict for defendants for the piano in controversy. Plaintiffs, who had removed the piano, should return it. Plaintiff's counsel made a motion for a new trial.

Henry Minehart vs. August Hingst. *Sci. fa.* on a mortgage. The defendant set up the plea that the money due had been tendered but refused. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

No. 178. Crawford vs. McClintock.
No. 179. Huckenstine vs. Lucas.
No. 180. Fourth Ward Building Great Republic.
No. 193. Kirk vs. McLaughlin.
No. 199. Knox vs. Logue et al.
No. 3. Campbell vs. Carnegie et al.
No. 1. Pa. Salt Manfg. Co. vs. A. V. R. R.

Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett and Collier.

The first case taken up was that of William Evans, Jr., vs. William Evans, Jr., executor, vs. School District of Temperanceville. Action to recover bounty. William Evans, Jr., deceased, enlisted in the army under the call for five hundred thousand men, and in the service. He was credited in the quota to the borough of Temperanceville. Defendants allege that Temperanceville never paid the bounty due to their quota. A verdict was rendered for plaintiff for $444, being the $300 bounty, with interest, from February 19, 1864, date of enlistment.

The first case on trial was that of Henry Conrad vs. Thomas Kerlin. Action against endorser of a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,000.

Benjamin Cousins vs. Susan and Bichri Wilson. Action on an ejectment for a lot of ground in McKeesport. Verdict for plaintiff with six cents damages and costs, subject to the decision of the Court on the questions of law reserved.

Martin Feely vs. Richard McGovern. Action to recover for wages due. Verdict for plaintiff for $202 13.

H. Myers vs. the Pittsburgh, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company. Action to recover for loss sustained by a lot of ice cream having been left at the wrong station. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $22 50.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

No. 152. Smith vs. Gray.
No. 76. Bell, Use, vs. Graham & Allen.
91. Seib et. al. vs. Spath, et. al
94. Taylor vs. Taylor.
95. Corbett vs. Powers.
97. Morris vs. Jones.
98. Barrett vs. Lowe.
99. Smith vs. Lawson.
100. Siebel vs. Siebel.
98. Eaton vs. Henry Bailey & Co.

RIVER REPORT.

War Department, Signal Service, U. S. A., Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce.

February 19, 1872, 4:23 P. M.

Stations.	Rise. Feet.	Rise. Inch.	Fall. Feet.	Fall. Inch.
Cairo, Ills.	0	12	0	0
Cincinnati, Ohio.	0	0	0	0
Louisville, Ky.	1	2	0	0
Memphis, Tenn.	0	2	0	0
Nashville, Tenn.	0	0	1	0
New Orleans, La.	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	5	0	0
Shreveport, La.	0	0	0	0
St. Louis, Mo.	0	0	0	1
St. Paul,				
Vicksburg, Miss.	0	7	0	0

*Rise and fall in last twenty-four hours. Dash — indicates river closed.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Arbitrary Action of Board of Underwriters Denounced.

ST. LOUIS, February 19.—Various communications have appeared in the city journals during the past few weeks taking strong grounds against the alleged arbitrary action and exacting demands of the board of underwriters here. The *Evening Dispatch* to-day has a communication signed by many merchants which, in substance, urges the withdrawal by the insurance companies of this city should withdraw from the Board, and says it is only a question of time when the Missouri Bill requiring the insurance companies of their suspension of any further business with them until they have completely dissolve all connection with the Board. Among the principal objections to the Board are the requirement of at least fifteen per cent. of steamboats to be as to drive tonnage from the port to such extent that the business of the trade can't be met; demands for repairs on boats which are necessarily burdensome; the prohibition of steamers towing barges and lighters during low water, except they are supplied with prescribed motive power; and generally against the whole course of the Board as being marked with acts hostile to steamboat interests, injurious and disastrous to the commercial prosperity of the city, without adding one particle to the safety of insurance companies in taking risks or ascertaining their financial condition. The communication further states that as such requirements are not made by underwriters at other points on the western rivers, therefore the Board here practice unjust discrimination against St. Louis.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 19.—The damages here by the recent break-up of ice in the river are estimated at about three hundred thousand dollars.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, February 19.—River rising rapidly, one inch per hour, since noon yesterday; seven and a half feet in the canal; three and a half in the chute; cloudy and mild; mercury ranged from 35 to 45; wind, south. Departed—Packets Fairchild, Alice Dean, J. W. Garrett and barges, New Orleans; Armadillo, Arkansas river. Departed—Packets Fairchild, Alice Dean, J. W. Garrett and barges, row in all directions, also J. W. Garrett and barges, Gen. Meade, Mary Ann, Minnie Moon, Ada Moon, Ada Hellman, Minnola, Armadillo, for Cincinnati; Warner and barges, Robt. Mitchell, New Orleans; Westwind, Nashville and Tom Reese and barges, Pittsburgh.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 19.—River rising; six feet on Harpeth shoals. Weather moderate and fair. Arrived—John Lansden, Paducah; Hiawatha, river. Departed—Burkesville, upper Cumberland; Eddyville, Evansville; John Lansden, Cairo.

Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, IND., February 19.—Chiefly clear and cold; morning pleasant; noon mercury 39 to 44. The river has risen 0.2 feet; 2 feet 1 little ice. Port List—Up—Groesbeck Fayette, A. J. Baker, Bowling Green, Peytonia and barges. Down—Mary Houston, Tarascon, Mary Ament, Arkansas Belle, B. H. Hunt. Business active; receipts and shipments large.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 19.—The apprehension of danger to river craft is very much lessened since the ice in the harbor has been so badly broken. Among the steamers that are the Arkansas, Mary Davenport, Colossal, Julia, Adam Jacobs, St. Luke, City of Cairo, Minnie Moore, Lucy Bertram, Continental, Ida Handy, Tip, City of Alton, Oceanus, Bunker Hill, Colorado, Tip, City of Alton, Oceanus, Bunker Hill, Colorado, J. H. Johnson, Rob Roy, City of Chester, City of Belena, Grand Tower, Sallie River Boy, Belle Plain, Southern Belle, City of Vicksburg, Stephen Bayard, Nellie Rogers, Bret Harte and Belle Memphis. These steamers are valued at one million dollars; barges $400,000; tugs, towboats, ferryboats and tenders, &c., $450,000; grain, $200,000; total, $1,655,000.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 19.—Weather clear and pleasant; river rising. Departed—Alice, Cairo; Allen, Arkansas river.

Vicksburg.

VICKSBURG, February 19.—Down—Capital City. Up—Belle Lee. Weather pleasant; river rising.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 19.—Arrived—Sallie V., R. P. Walt, Memphis; Charles Bodman, Cincinnati; Allegheny Belle and barges, New Madrid. Departed James Howard, Florence.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, February 19.—Sugar quiet; inferior 6a7½c; common 7½a8c; fair 7¾a8½c; good fair to fully fair 8⅝a9⅛c; prime 9¼a10c. Molasses firmer; common 32a36c; Centrifugal 52c; prime 58c; clistern bottom 50a51c. Whisky dull at 90a91 02½c. Coffee unchanged. Cotton active and firmer; sales 9,000 bales; good ordinary 21c; low middlings 21⅝; middlings 22½c. Receipts 6,728 bales; exports—Liverpool 16,922 bales, Amsterdam 2,051 bales, New York 2,192 bales; stock 221,561 bales.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

The observance of Lent is having its effect on the places of amusement, marked by a falling off in the attendance. Mr. John E. Owens made his appearance behind the footlights of Manager Elsler's theater last night, with a large but by no means crowed audience in front. "Everybody's Friend" was the first piece on the programme, and, so far as Mr. Owens, Mr. Gotthold and Miss Nellie Johnson were concerned, was capitally given. "Solon Shingle" closed the entertainment, and passed off very pleasingly. Mr. Owens was the recipient of frequent and very hearty marks of approbation from his auditors.

To-night the same plays will be performed.

Fifth Avenue Opera House.

Curiosity to see Mr. Charles Petrie and his new play attracted a moderate audience to the Fifth Avenue Opera House last night. "Pedestin," while not rising to great excellence as a drama, still has some really good points, all of which were made the most of by the "star" and the members of Mr. Beamer's stock company. As *Cute*, the slave, Mr. Petrie showed a thorough knowledge of the negro character, and portrayed it more cleverly than many who have made it a specialty for years. Barring the drawbacks always incident to the first production of a new piece, "Pedestin" passed off very smoothly and will no doubt, go much more smoothly to-night, when it will be repeated.

Varieties Theater.

Manager Aimes's augmented company appeared to a full house last night, and gave a very fine performance. They appear in a fresh list of attractions to-night. There will be a matinee to-morrow.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE residents on Virgin alley are not so troublesome now that the Mayor's office is so near them.

THE FUNERAL of the late Alderman D. M. Mullin, will take place this morning at 10 o'clock, from his late residence 105 Madison avenue, Allegheny.

ALDERMAN TAYLOR yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of John Ruch, charged by Joseph Bakerman and David Schoenherr with assault and battery. The latter alleges that Ruch struck and kicked him.

JAMES MCILWAINE, who was charged before Alderman Strain, a few days since, with false pretenses, on oath of George M. Wilson, was arrested yesterday, and in default of $1,000 bail was committed to jail.

ROBERT BURNS, not the poet, but another man, is wanted at the Mayor's office to answer a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Harriet E. Ress. The trouble occurred in a house in Virgin alley near Smithfield. Warrant issued.

A PENN STREET car conductor was robbed of seven dollars Monday evening. The aforesaid left a description of the supposed robber at the office of Capt. Couples on Diamond alley, but no arrests have been made yet.

A WARRANT was issued yesterday by Alderman Strain for the arrest of Wm. Gregg, Randolph Gregg and James and George Stenick, charged by David Floyd with surety of the peace. The parties reside at Green Oak, Elizabeth township.

YESTERDAY afternoon United States District Attorney Swoope raised David Hays to be discharged from the County Jail where he had been imprisoned for some months to answer a charge of counterfeiting. The principal witness against the accused had died some weeks ago.

ALDERMAN MCMASTERS yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of Jacob Wyan, charged by John Waught with assault and battery. The parties reside on Sandusky street, near the corner of John Boyd, and had some trouble about their horses which resulted in a fight.

YESTERDAY morning Mayor Blackmore took the information of Mary Ann Hickinbottam, charging Wm. Hickinbottam with surety. The alleged offense consisted in William threatening Mary with "fear less limits from limbs." Either Wilmot was provided with a warrant for William's arrest.

WM. HANLEY was brought before Alderman McMasters yesterday afternoon charged with assault and battery preferred by Henry White, who alleges that Hanley knocked him down and beat him. The trouble occurred in the Second ward. The accused was held for a hearing.

YESTERDAY an information for larceny was lodged before Mayor Blackmore by John Byrne, charging Thomas Kane with stealing a King is accused of having stolen a carpet sack, a pair of boots, and a small quantity of clothing from Byrne's house. The parties, defendant, after a hearing, was committed for trial.

ABOUT one hundred singers were present at the Bethel choral last evening, and the enterprise promises to be a success of the highest order. Another meeting will be held this evening, and a large class will be formed in Female College, and still another on Thursday evening, when the leading solo parts will be assigned.

THE girl, Miss Buishwangee, who was literally roasted alive in Beaver, two weeks ago last Friday, died on Sunday night, after having suffered untold agonies during the time she was burned. The physician who attended her states that it was one of the most remarkable cases on record, as her injuries were sufficient to have caused death almost instantly.

MARY A. FRYOR made an information against Arthur Gibbons, one of Mayor Blackmore's police, charging him with aggravated assault and battery. The defendant, it appears, was called to arrest the prosecutor some time ago, and she alleges that in doing so he was entirely too rough. A warrant was issued by Alderman Strain, before whom the case will be heard.

ELIZA J. MCCHESNEY appeared before Alderman McMasters yesterday, and made an information against her husband, Geo. Y. McChesney, charging him with assault and battery. The prosecutrix alleged that her husband compelled her to dress in rags and go about with her child in her arms begging. When he assisted himself by remaining in the house drinking whisky. A warrant for the husband's arrest was issued.

INFORMATIONS were made yesterday by Irwin Tuttle before Alderman Fichs, charging him with assault and battery and high way robbery, before Alderman McMasters. The prosecutor was proceeding to his home, Duquesne Way, through, when, he alleges, the defendant attacked him, beat him severely, and then robbed him of a small sum of money. The accused was arrested and held to bail in the sum of $1,000 in each case for a hearing.

ALLEGHENY.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

CITY ENGINEER DAVIS and Hugh McNeill left the city yesterday for Cincinnati, to attend the convention on the Ohio river improvement.

THOMAS SPROUL and John Gorley, charged with aggravated assault and battery, before the Mayor, on oath of James Johnson, were discharged last evening, the prosecutor failing to appear.

AN application is to be made in the Courts changing the name of Beaver street M. E. Church to Arch Grove street. The name has had been imprisoned for some months to answer been rendered necessary by the action of City Councils in changing the name of the street.

A REMONSTRANCE is in circulation in this city which will be forwarded to Harrisburg, protesting against the passage of the "enabling act" now before the Legislature, providing the Allegheny Board of Control to take charge of and maintain the Allegheny Library. It is meeting, however, with very little success.

THE Street and Survey Committees held a joint meeting last evening for the purpose of considering the Federal street act, which had been drawn up by the City Solicitor. The committees, after hearing some slight remarks, decided to report favorably of the act at the next meeting of Councils.

Two lads named John Jackson and Frank Adams were before Mayor Blackmore on a charge of malicious mischief. The boys had taken possession of a buggy the preceding evening, the owner having just gone into a house, and drove around in the same for perhaps half an hour, when they lifted a small section of the marble pavement beneath their feet, and as they did so a flight of narrow steps was discovered beneath the floor.

"No one knows of this descent except ourselves," whispered the Necromancer.

Filippo descended a few steps, then turning with difficulty, and not without some pain and great danger of discovering themselves, they replaced the stone, and, bowing heads, and cautiously descended the narrow staircase.

The Necromancer paused when the last step was reached, and drawing a lantern from beneath his robe, soon lighted it, and by its feeble rays their further passage was guided.

"Where are we?" Filippo said. "I have been lying in a kind of trance for many hours. I recall the mortal sickness which seized me, the weeping attendants, the priests' last offices, delivered in the Latin, I think, which—which I remember, too, the dreadful spasms which contracted my frame, and the vice-like grip that seized my throat. Then all flowed so sluggishly through my veins. But where are the Marchesa and my beloved Bianca? Why are they also not here to welcome me back to life?"

"Because the Marchesa is a traitoress and a murderess," said the deep voice of the Necromancer.

Again the Marchese raised his head and looked in the direction whence the voice proceeded.

"Who spoke?" he asked. "Those tones are not familiar. Can the dead speak?"

"Twas I who spoke," replied the Magician, rising and coming forward to where the light could fall upon his face. "I am called the Necromancer of Monte Garguno. Possessed of the knowledge of the power and I am that power for the good, not the ill, of mankind."

"And 'tis that power which has brought the most Marchese back to life," said Filippo, with fervor.

"I have heard of the Necromancer of Monte Gargano," replied the Marchese, "but never before have I seen him face to face. I thank thee, friend, if thou hast brought me back to a life of usefulness, but it seems a sorry reception for me to hear thee say that my wife, the mother of my daughter, is a traitoress and murderess."

Yet 'tis even so, Excellenza. 'Twas through her machination that the deadly poison was administered, and but for Fra Ignazio's care it would have proved fatal."

The Necromancer then rapidly sketched the events which had so recently transpired, and convinced the Marchese of the truth of his narrative. The latter was deeply moved by the recital, and groaned in anguish of spirit. But there was no time for the indulgence of grief. The Necromancer, at once vehemently but tenderly urged the wronged Marchese who the supposed Vito really was, and then whispered something in his ear that seemed to give him complete control over the aroused Viceroy, who arose and said:

"Let us hasten from this place. I long to return to the light of day, that I may save my poor daughter from the fate which has been prepared